



OFFERING FOR AN IRA VICTIM — A woman in Warrington, England, placing a teddy bear Thursday on a memorial to Johnathan Ball, 3, killed in an IRA bombing in the town. Another boy died of wounds Thursday as an anti-IRA backlash grew. Page 2.

## **U.S. Looks for Trade Truce With EC**

By Tom Redburn

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nal Herald Tribune PARIS - The White House has instructed Mickey Kantor, its chief trade negotiator, to work toward avoiding a collision with the Enropean Community when he opens talks in Brus-sels on Monday with Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's top trade representative, officials said Thurs-

The Clinton administration, according to sources in both Washington and Brussels, has sent the message that it now prefers to see a cooling-off period in its dispute with Europe over government purchasing rules. It is looking, a Washington trade official said, for a reasonable way to postpone the outbreak of any trans-Atlantic trade war.

And so is the 12-nation Community, whose -leading partners - France and Germany - are

increasingly at odds themselves over trade issues. Yet, with Europe entering a recession that is boosting calls for protectionism to save jobs, Brussels has little leeway at the moment to soften its stance in the trans-Atlantic disoute. Consequently, it is still not clear whether the EC's current proposal to launch a monthslong study of ways to reduce restrictions on both sides of the Atlantic is enough to provide a face-

saving out for the U.S. government, Mr. Kantor "will be on a fairly tight leash," an administration official said, "but that doesn't mean he can afford to leave Brussels

completely empty-handed." Last week, Mr. Kantor and Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president, in a joint statement, announced that Washington would delay retaliation against the Community, at least un-til after having a chance to discuss the procure-

ment issue at the March 29 and 30 meetings, At that time, Mr. Kantor said that Mr. Delors had offered to present new proposals in Brussels aimed at resolving the dispute. Officials in Washington and Brussels, how-

ever, tell a somewhat different story.

They explain privately that President Bill Clinton, under prodding from Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, was worried that Mr. Kantor, by publicly canceling a planned U.S.-EC negotiating session earlier this month, had risked poisoning the trade atmosphere with Europe by sending such an mnecessarily harsh signal. After meeting with Mr. Delors, Senator

Moynihan, whose committee has jurisdiction over trade legislation, urged the White House to See KANTCR, Page 10

## Yeltsin's Rival Backs Down **On Calls for Impeachment**

By Michael Dobbs Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — The parliamentary speaker, Ruslan I. Khasbulatov, distanced himself Thursday from demands for the immediate impeachment of President Boris N. Yeltsin, sting that Russia's constitutional crisis could be resolved instead through early parliamentary and presidential elections

In a television interview on the eve of an emergency session of the country's supreme legislature, or Congress of People's Deputies Mr. Khasbulatov held out the possibility of a compromise if the president acknowledged his take" in having tried to assume emergency DOWER

But he also opened a broad attack on Mr. Yeltsin's reformist stance, suggesting at one point that Russian foreign policy had become completely subservient to Western influence."

In a separate television appearance an hour later, Mr. Yeltsin said an attempt was under way to overthrow Russia's first popularly elect-ed president "behind the backs of the citizens." He appealed to legislators to resist any effort to remove him from office, saying that it could doom the Russian people to "the abyss of confrontation.

The competing television performances un-derscored the intense struggle for the hearts and minds of 150 million Russian citizens as the only peaceful way of resolving a constitutional crisis that threatens to torpedo the country's transition to a free-market democracy. Mr. Yeltsin has said he is determined to push ahead with a nationwide referendum on April 25 with or without parliament's approval - in order to settle the power struggle once and for

Both sides are agreed that some kind of popular vote is required to break the political deadlock. But they are bitterly at odds over the form it should take and the questions that should be put to the voters. For Mr. Yeltsin, the paramount issue is who should rule Russia, the president or the parliament. His opponents would like to focus attention on the government's unpopular economic policies and the disruption caused by the shift to a free market. Opinion polls suggest that Mr. Yeltsin would asily win a referendum that asked voters to choose between him and the parliament. Early

elections, by contrast, could well produce an

even more conservative legislature and a continuing deadlock between the two hranches of government. Under present constitutional arrangements, Mr. Yeltsin's term of office will expire in 1996 and parliament's in 1995.

The chances of a successful impeachment motion against Mr. Yeltsin have faded since Wednesday, after he dropped his insistence on suming emergency powers that would allow

#### Russia increases the minimum wage as part of an emergency economic package. Page 11.

him to overrule any decision of the parliament during the period leading up to a referendum. A presidential decree published Wednesday omitted all mention of the "special rule" declared by Mr. Yeltsin in a television address Saturday.

Mr. Khashulatov described the new decree Thursday as a document "totally different" from the decree that Mr. Yeltsin said he had signed Saturday but that was never published.

The speaker added that some points of the new decree also "violated the constitution, but not in such a dramatic manner" as the original television address.

We have not convened the Congress in order to remove someone from office," Mr. Khasbulatov said in his television interview, adding that he was ready to work with Mr. Yeltsin if the president agreed to cooperate with the Congress. In earlier comments to jour-nalists, Mr. Khashulatov said he was not "a supporter of impeachment" and repeated a call for early elections.

On Wednesday, the speaker had told journal-ists that a ruling by the Constitutional Court that Mr. Yeltsin had acted unconstitutionally opened the way for the Congress to start imachment proceedings. Hard-line Communists and nationalists are

likely to push ahead with demands for Mr. Yeltsin's removal from office when the Con-See YELTSIN, Page 4



Mr. Yeltsin telling of an effort to overthrow him "behind the backs of the citizens."

## **BBC and ABC to Cooperate on News**

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune NEW YORK -In an effort to extend the international reach of both networks, British Broadcasting Corp. and American Broadcasting Cos. announced Thursday that they

te fully covered in a conflict. For the BBC, the accord offers expanded third-country coverage at a time when the corporation is under tight financial pressure and is also seeking to expand into Asia.

This is believed to be the first arrangement in which networks from two countries join in planning daily coverage and using each other's stories. Correspondents from each network could appear on the screen of the other, although "the extent to which they actually

## **Bosnia Signs Peace Plan, Isolating Serbs**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK -- With his people facing hunger and defeat in eastern Bosnia, the country's Muslim president signed a United Nations peace plan Thursday, leaving the Serbs the only holdout on the accord to end an 11-month war. The Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, signed a map that would divide Bosnia-Herzegovina into 10 largely antonomous provinces, and interim arrangements for governing the state until elections are held.

Mr. Izetbegovic's signature leaves the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic isolated, Mr. Karadzic could now be vulnerable to diplomatic pressure from Russia, an important ally, and particularly if the Scrbian leader Slobodan Miloscvic urges him to sign the accord.

The UN mediator, Cyrus R. Vance, called the signing "a major step" in the peace process. But his co-chairman, Lord Owen, from the EC, warned that peace talks could not go on forever, saving there would come a time when action had to be taken by the international communi-

"Talking doesn't stop and will continue," he said. "But if there is no readiness to come around this peace settlement the international community will have to take some action and it will be tough action."

In Belgrade, Mr. Milosevic pledged to work for an immediate cease-fire in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Speaking after talks with the command of UN troops in Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon, Mr. Milosevic said be hoped General Morillon and the head of the Bosnian Serb army, General Ratko Mladic, would be able to work out terms in Beigrade.

But numerous other cease-fires have fallen through, and UN officials long ago stopped counting on them to stop the fighting.

The Bosnian Croat leader, Mate Boban, previously approved of the peace plan, but on Thursday signed a revised map in New York. It

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ANC Asks for A-Bomb Data

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - Opposition groups demanded

Thursday that the government reveal more nuclear secrets to prove



A soldier praying Thursday at a mosque in the town of Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

would coordinate their news-gathering ations, exchanging radio and television reports worldwide.

The two networks will maintain their separate corps of correspondents, producers and technicians. But Liz Noyer, an ABC spokeswoman, said senior news directors of the two networks would hold joint meetings to plan daily news coverage by the teams from both networks, not only to avoid duplication but to supplement each other's coverage.

London will be the focal point of the planning, she said, and gave as an example BBC and ABC correspondents who might be on opposite sides in Bosnia or the Middle East.

Most major television networks exchange film footage. Britain's Independent Television News also has a thriving business selling reports from its correspondents, which are seen regularly on public television network news in the United States and on CNN.

Both networks would then know they would

CNN said it was aware of the accord, hut officials did not return calls.

For ABC, a subsidiary of Capital Cities/-ABC Inc., the agreement offers the opportunity to expand international coverage after several years of hureau cutbacks by all networks. The ABC spokeswoman declined to say how many bureaus ABC now maintains worldwide.

will be used remains to be seen inol b than Crane, the BBC's New York hureau chief. He said it would be more likely in a hroadcast from a third country than from Britain or the United States.

Mr. Crane said he would be able to provide London with more hard news footage on such spot news stories as the siege of the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, or of a political campaign. The use of features would be less likely, he said, because of the need to present background material for other countries.

The ABC spokeswoman said the agreement "will allow us to go places where we couldn't go before."

## North Korea's No. 2: Is He in Charge?

#### By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service SEOUL --- North Korea held its annual mass rallies and gymnastic stunts last month to celebrate the 51st birthday of the "Dear Leader," Kim Jong II, the reclusive, mysterious son of the man who has run North Korea for 45 years. Now, after the celebrations, everyone from U.S. intelligence officials to South Korea's ner-vous leadership has begun to conclude that the younger Kim was quictly given the gift be has long coveted: total control of his father's coun-

try Since North Korea pulled out of the treaty to halt the spread of nuclear weapons recently. sending a chill through Asian neighbors who are all but certain that the Communist government is on the verge of making a nuclear weapon, government propaganda from Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, has portraved the move as the work of the Dear Leader.

It was the younger Kim who issued the defi-ant words that his country's military sites would never be opened to inspectors, and who ordered a nationwide blackout to ward off what he asserted was an imminent invasion by the United States.

"This has all been Kim Jong II's game," Han Sung Joo, South Korea's foreign minister, said the other day. "Everything has been in his name. And all the other indications are that he has been responsible for the decisions."

There has been virtually no mention of Kim II Sung, the "Great Leader," who has ruled North Korea since the end of World War II and who turns \$1 next month.

Kim Jong Il has waited for his moment longer than Prince Charles has waited for his, and he has received far more damaging press along the way. For years he has been described in the West as a terrorist and a paranoid, accused by many foreign analysts as the mastermind of the 1983 attack in Rangoon, Burma, that killed a large part of the South Korean cabinet, and of the bombing of a South Korean jetliner in 1987.

Until last year, no one had heard his voice in public. The Central Intelligence Agency apparently discovered only recently that he has two children, an important fact in a government with a dynastic tradition.

But now scenarios are changing. And the events surrounding the renunciation of the nuclear treaty are the primary reason.

The most common explanation is that Kim Jong II is trying to demonstrate his toughness to his military by challenging the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency, which has been pressing hard to inspect two sites for clues to the state of the country's nuclear project.

At the very least, the theory goes, Mr. Kim put the West on the defensive, changing the

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## McClean Will Replace Huebner

Publisher's Successor at IHT to Take Post in July

#### International Herald Tribun

PARIS - Richard McClean will become the chief executive of the International Herald Tribune on July 5, it was announced Thursday by Katharine Graham and Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, co-chairmen of the international news-

paper. Mr. McClean, 55, currently is deputy chief executive and chief operating officer of the executive London. He will succeed Lee W. Huebner, who has been publisher of the International Herald Tribune since June 1979 and who announced last September his decision to leave the paper.

Mrs. Graham and Mr. Sulzberger issued a joint statement, which said: "Lee Huebner is an inspirational leader who has achieved an extraordinary record during his 14 years as publisher. During his tenure, circulation nearly doubled to almost 200,000, advertising revenues multiplied fourfold, and printing locations grew from 3 to 11 sites on three continents, including new editions in Asia."

The statement by Mrs. Graham and Mr. Sulzberger also said: "We are most fortunate that Richard McClean is joining the International Herald Tribune at this important moment in its history. Rapidly evolving technology, increased competition and unsettled economic conditions worldwide present diffi-



**Richard McClean** 

cult challenges and interesting opportunities. We believe Richard is exceptionally well qualified to build on the International Herald Tribune's record of growth and to capitalize further on its editorial quality, unique readership and global marketplace presence.\* Mr. McClean began his career at the Finan-

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I hursday that the government reveal more indicar sectors to prove its claim to have dismantled its nuclear weapons program. The African National Congress, the leading hlack group, demand-ed a detailed accounting of the country's nuclear history, which President Frederik W, de Kleck did not disclose Wednesday. "We insist that the government reveal what has happened to every gram of the stockpile of weapons-grade uranium," the ANC said. rib Inde> General News ow Jone An Italian ambassador was Up 0.44% Up 15.94 charged with extertion. Page 2. Business / Finance 95.53 3,461.32 Italy faces economic problems as its government is hamstrung The Dollar New York, Thurs. Page 11. 1.6377

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## Sony Chief Takes Up the Baton

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By Allan Kozinn New York Times Service

NEW YORK --- It's a little like one of those elephant jokes: Where does the president of an electronics and recording company with \$29 billion in annual revenues conduct a concert of symphonic music? Anywhere he

wants. Well, almost. Norio Ohga, the president of Sony Corp. and an avid amateur conductor, will be on the podium in New York on May 12 at 7:30 P.M., conducting Beethoven's Seventh and Schubert's "Unfinished" symphonies and Stranss's "Fledermans" Overture

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"But even then," Mr. Ohga said the other day at Sony's Manhattan headin a benefit concert for the Lincoln Center Consolidated Corporate Fund. His orchestra is to be billed as quarters, "I wanted to be a conductor Members of the Metropolitan Opera as well. I studied conducting, scorereading, composition, harmony and Orchestra, a free-lance ensemble

drawn largely from the pool of Met counterpoint. I also studied the flute and, starting when I was very young,

> The obsession of captains of industry with picking up the baton is rare, but not unique, Gilbert E. Kaplan, for example, the founder and chair-man of Institutional Investor magazine, has made something of a second career of conducting Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2. His recording of the vast work has sold more than 100,000 copies, a runaway best-seller by classical-record standards. He prides himself that only for the first

performance of the symphony has he had to hire his orchestra. An academic equivalent is Leon Botstein, the president of Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New See CONDUCTOR, Page 4

Although Mr. Ohga's passion for the piano." conducting may at a glance look like dilettantism supported by corporate muscle, he comes to this avocation with a solid musical background. He took both a bachelor's and a master's degree in music from the Tokyo University of Fine Arts in 1954 and then

studied voice (he is a baritone) in Munich with Gerhard Husch, the legendary German lieder singer. He earned another music degree in Berlin before returning to Japan and start-ing a career as a recitalist and opera

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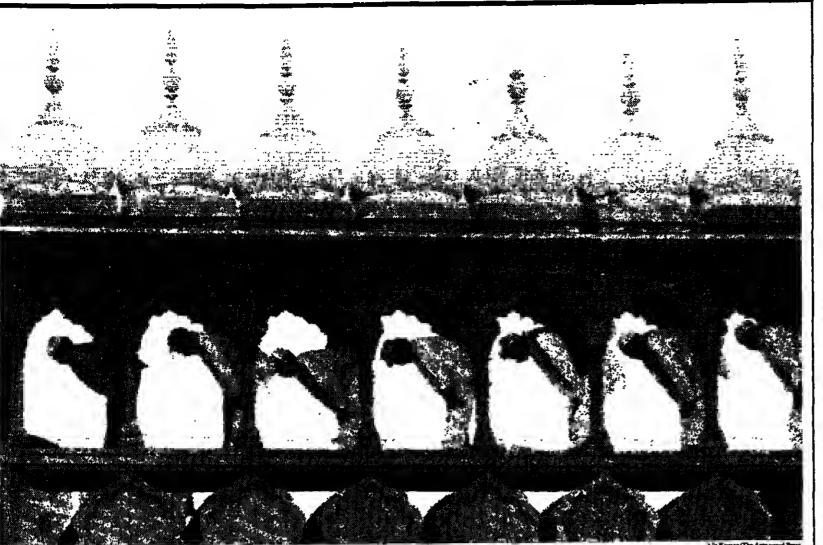
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TOGETHERNESS - Muslims bowing in prayer under the arches of the Jama Masjid mosque in Delki during a festival marking the end of the fast of Ramadan.

## For Today's Likud, a Telegenic, Glib New Leader

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Israel's main political opposition changed generations Thursday, from the founders of the Jewish state to their heirs, when Benjamin Netanyahu resoundingly woo a oarlonwide primary to become leader of the Likuo party.

Mr. Netanyahu, born in 1949, a year after Israel came into being, succeeds former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, 77, who has been party head for the last decade.

As winner, he will aotomatically become the Likud candidate for prime minister in the next national election, which is not scheduled until 1996 but could come sooner should the present Labor-led government fall.

In that election, the prime minister will be chosen for the first time by direct popular vote, with personalides and images likely to count at least as much as policies.

It is clear that as the political culture changes a majority of Likud members consider Mr. Netanyahu - well-spoken, attractive and savvy in television techniques - to Syrian Army on the Golan Heights closer to

be their best hope to recover the power they us, to shrink and reduce the size of this lost nine months ago.

Mr. Netanyahu, a member of parliament and former deputy foreign minister, pledged Thursday evening that the rightist opposi-tion would miseat Labor and its leader, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, 71.

And he left no doubt that he would make the most of a recent surge of anti-Israel violence to accuse the Rabin government of being weak-kneed against Arab terrorism. He will also seek to charge the government with endangering Israeli security by offering territorial concessions in the Middle East peace talks.

This government says that it is impossible to fight the knifings, that it is impossible to fight terrorism," he said in an auditorium filled with supporters rhythmically chanting his nickname, Bibi. "How do they put it? Terrorism has only one solotion: a political solution. In other words, there is no solution to terrorism except retreat."

In the peace negotiations, be said, the government offers only concessions, and the consequences for Israel will be "to bring the

country, to bring the border to the outskirts of Petah Tikvah." That is a town just outside Td Aviv.

Probably no Israeli politician of his generation is better known to Western audiences than Mr. Netanyaba. That is especially true in the United States, where he lived as a teenager, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and served Israel as chief delegate to the United Nations and as No. 2 at the embassy in Washington.

A former army commando, he also has gained reflected glory from his older brother, Jonathan, who led and died in the daring 1976 raid at Entebbe, Uganda, in which Israeli commandos rescued the passengers of a hijacked airliner.

No modern politician here has logged more time on American television than Mr. Netanyahu, who has explained Israel's posi-tions in idiomatic English on international terrorism and the Gulf War. And no Israeli paign style, from his crafted sound bites to Transportation Minister Moshe Katsav, his cross-country barnstorming by hus. with 6.5 percent.

So successful is he at reducing his prag-matically hawkish opinions to manageable television proportions that some in Likud allies as well as foes -- worry that he is prey to accusations that be is not a deep thinker One task before him oow, these Israelis say, is to prove that he is more than glib.

The Likud primary was a bruising four-man race, complicated by a sex scandal that had swirled around the thrice-married Mr. Netanyahu but that inflicted no lasting damage. His wife, Sara, stood by him during the campaign, and she was at his side Thursday at a victory rally at which supporters sang out, "Bibi, King of Israel."

A final tally of the 145,000 votes - cast Wednesday hut only counted Thursday showed Mr. Netanyahu with 52.1 percent,

far more than the 40 percent he needed to avoid a runoff. Former Foreign Minister David Levy had 26.3 percent, followed by Benjamin Begin, a member of parliament and son of the late Prime Minister Menapolitician has been more American in cam- chem Begin, with 15.1 percent, and former with 6.5 percent.

## Italy Envoy Charged in Foreign Aid Extortion

ROME - Italy's designated representative to two Rome-based United Nations agencies was ar-rested Thursday and charged with extortion as part of an inquiry into Italian aid to some of the world's poorest nations

Giuseppe Santoro, who holds the rank of ambassador and who had been in charge of Third World aid at the Foreign Ministry, was the most prominent figured arrested in a nationwide corruption investiga-tion that has touched every aspect of public life in recent months.

Meanwhile, progress was report-ed in inquiries in Sicily, Calabria and the Campania area around Na-ples into alleged collusion between politicians and the Mafia,

Italian news organizations re-ported that two of the politicians who had run Italy's most violent cities, Naples and Palermo, were cooperating with the police and providing details on the links between the criminal underworld and politicians.

The Santoro case is a separate issue that began with an inquiry into Third World aid and involves former Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis and his deputy, Claudio Lenoci. They are under investi-gation over Italian aid to Somalia, Sudan and Bangladesh. Both are Socialist members of Parliament.

The police have issued an arrest warrant for Mr. De Michelis's former secretary, Barbara Ceolin. She is wanted in connection with the same inquiry and is alleged to have taken a bribe that was used to finance an election campaign for the minister.

Mr. Santoro, 63, became direc-tor-general of the Foreign Minis-try's overseas aid branch in 1990 during Mr. De Michelis's tenure. After Mr. Santoro lost his aid b, he was named last month as Italy's delegate to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and to the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development. Both

are based in Rome. Mr. Santoro has been charged with extortion and abusing his DOWEIS.

Magistrates suspect that Third World aid contracts awarded to some Italian companies were inflated to disgnise kickbacks.

The main inquiry, whose center has shifted away from the northern business center of Milan, is now focused on the link between politicians and crime leaders in Mafia bastions of the south.

Italian newspapers reported that one of the most powerful politi-cians in Naples, a Socialist member of the city council, Silvano Masciari, was giving investigators de-tails of links between politicians

## WORLD BRIEFS

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### FBI Arrests 5th Bombing Suspect, **3 Captured Earlier Plead Not Guilty**

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI arrested a fifth suspect Thursday in the World Trade Center bombing, and three suspects arrested earlier pleaded

not guilty in federal court. Bilal Alkaisi, 27, of New York City turned himself in at the FBI? Bual Alkaisi, 27, of New York City turned number in at the FBI? Newark, New Jersey, office, authorities said. His arrest came hours after Mahmoud Abu Halima, 34, an Egyptian-both former New York taxi driver who investigators say was the guiding hand in the attack, arrived from Egypt on a U.S.-chartered jet to face charges. An FBI spokesman, Jim Lamb, said Mr. Alkaisi probably would be charged with aiding and the the Ed. 26 heuristics tribule tribule is create and injurned about abetting the Feb. 26 bombing, which killed six people and injured about 1.000.

Mr. Halima, who was arrested by Egyptian authorities at his home in the Nile Delta amid a sweep of Muslim extremists, was "someone on the style of a consultant," an investigator said. He "was telling others what should be done." Mr. Halima was to be arraigned Thursday on undisclosed charges.

Also Thursday, Mohammed A. Salamch, 25, and Nidal A. Ayyad, 25, pleaded not guilty in federal court in New York to charges of aiding and abetting the bombing. Ibrahim A. Eigabrowny, 42, pleaded not guilty to charges of assaulting federal agents who searched his apartment for charge. A New Jersey newspaper reported that the FBI was searching for at least one more suspect.

#### Marine Cleared of Killing Somali Boy

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Reuters) — U.S. military authorities have dropped charges against a Marine who shot and killed a 13-year-old Somali boylast month, a U.S. spokesman said Thursday. The spokesman said military authorities had decided "after careful review" that no action would be taken against Sergeant Walter A. Johnson, who also wounded two by-standers, had opened fire in the belief that the how was about to drop something, nothably an emlosive device that the boy was about to drop something, probably an explosive device, into the soldier's vehicle.

In a separate case, the military decided that Gunnery Sergeant Harry Conde would be tried by court-martial April 5 for shooting and wound-ing a youth who tried to steal his sunglasses.

#### **Mia Farrow Testifies on Woody Allen**

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen exhibited inappropriate behavior with his daughter, Dylan, for years before sexual abuse allegations were filed, Mia Farrow testified Thursday. "If she visited his apartment, they would end up playing in his bed," Ms. Farrow said. "The quality of it would arouse her and she would grab at him. They have been allowed and the second second

at him. That happened three times."

Mr. Allen and Ms. Farrow, his companiou and leading lady for 12 years, are locked in a bitter custody fight in Manhattan state Supreme Court over their two adopted children, 7-year-old Dylan and 15-year-old Moses, and their biological child, 5-year-old Satchel.

#### Correction

A brief item in the financial pages of the March 23 editions misidenti-fied the Japanese maker of a miniature robot. The company is Seiko Epson Corp.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

Passengers on the Channel Tramel shuttle trains will be accompa by a "warm and lovable" mole, the company announced Thursday. The character, Marcus the Mole, has been chosen as the mascot for the Le Shuttle which will operate through the tannel up to four times an hour, starting in December 1993. Marcus will lead a £20 million (\$28 million) promotion campaign of a range of products including toys, games, stationery and books. A TV series is also planned for early 1994. (AFP)

The Neger Tourism Development Administration wants to turn King Solomon's Mines near Eilat in Israel into a Disney style attraction. An international tender is scheduled to be issued shortly to mise \$15 million to build a biblical theme park at the abandoned copper mines in the (AFP) Negev desert.

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Deaths on British roads decreased last year to their lowest level since records began in 1926. Official data on Thursday showed that 4,273 people died in road accidents in 1992, compared with 4,886 in 1926 and 4.513 in 1948, which was the previous lowest total. The worst year was 1941, when 9,169 road deaths were recorded. (Reuters)

Unions of Japan's major rail companies decided to call off a planned

**Oil Sales Could Refuel Iraq Nuclear Force, UN Aide Warns** 

By Norman Kempster Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON - Despite a two-year international campaign to destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, President Saddam Hussein's regime remains capable of reviving its ouclear and chemical weapons programs, according to the UN official in charge of the post-Gulf War sanctions.

The official, Rolf Ekeus, chief of the United Nations special commission on Iraq, said it was essential for the UN Security Council to maintain the economic embargo against Iraq, especially the prohibition against the sale of Iraqi oil.

With an influx of money from oil, he said, Iraq could easily revive its weapons program.

"The supply system, including banks and payments, is there," Mr. Ekcus said. "The day the oil embargo is lifted, Iraq will get all the cash. With the cash, the supplicts and the skills, they will be able to re-establish all the weapons programs," he added. "It may grow up like mushrooms after the rain." Mr. Ekcus said that although his commission had de-

stroyed Iraq's large ouclear weapons design installations, it may have missed some clandestine laboratories. In addition, he said, Iraq maintains a cadre of scientists and engineers that could restore the program. Iraq can also maintain at least part of its prewar

network of foreign suppliers because it has refused to identify the companies that sold it nuclear technology and equipment, he said

Speaking at a meeting Wednesday arranged by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Mr. Ekeus said the commission had destroyed 150,000 chemical weapons, including artillery shells and warheads for Scud missiles, as well as large amounts of bulk chemicals. But he said the chemical weapons programs also could be restored if the world was not vigilant. Mr. Ekcus said his inspectors had not accounted for

about 200 of Inq's prewar arsenal of 850 Scud missiles. Uoder the terms of the UN Security Council resolution that ended the Gulf War, the oil embargo against Iraq will not be lifted until Mr. Ekens certifies that all nuclear installations have been eliminated. So far, he said, Mr. Saddam seems more concerned about maintaining his nuclear potential than about returning to the oil market. and the Camoura, the Neapolitan Mafia\_

In Palermo, Vito Ciancimino, the former Christian Democrat mayor, agreed to break his long silence on ties between politicians and Mafiosi, Italian state radio and television said.

**Police Raid** A Neo-Nazi **Rock Band** 

FRANKFURT - The police

raided 40 homes across Germany

in a crackdown Thursday on a far-

right rock hand accused of soread-

ing neo-Nazi ideology, prosecutors

The raids were part of an investi-gation against Störkraft, one of the

most popular of about 50 skinhead

music groups preaching violence and hatred of foreigners. The

group's name means disruptive

Störkraft's lead singer is accused

of spreading neo-Nazi ideas and

inciting racism in concerts and re-

cordings, the prosecutor's office in Koblenz said. Skinhead bands have

been a favorite of neo-Nazis be-

cause their aggressive, koud music glorifies violence and preaches

German superiority. The raids in search of evidence,

including tapes and sales lists, was ordered in 12 of Germany's 16 fed-eral states and followed a first round of nationwide searches in

The police began the crackdown

on Storkraft and other skinhead

bands after being accused of doing too little to combat brutal attacks

on foreigners by rightist gauge for more than a year. These include

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kilometers east of Bonn.

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## **Backlash Builds as 2d Boy Dies in IRA Bombing**

#### By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON - As a second boy died Thursday from wounds from a weekend bombing in northern England, there were signs of a growing public backlash against the Irish Republican Army's terrorist cam-

paign that seems to strike more and more ordinary civilians.

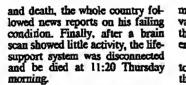
For some time now, bombs or bomb scares have become a feature fought to hold back tears and said of life in London and other cities in no - all be felt was loss. England, and people appear to accept them with an air of resigned

But widespread anger and revul-sion have been touched off by the two bombs that went off in metal kid.' trash baskets in a crowded shopping area Saturday afternoon in Warrington, a town on the Mersey words for them at all." River 16 miles (25 kilometers) east

of Liverpool. Fifty-six people were injured, many of them seriously, by the bombs, and a three-year-old boy, Johnathan Ball, was killed.

Another boy, Tim Parry, 12, ran from the first explosion straight into the second, which occurred only moments after.

He caught the blast head-on but somehow managed to survive. For three Catholic workmen were killed days, as be lingered between life in an ambush by Protestant para-



With composure, his father, Colin Parry, described the boy's last

harm to ordinary people. moments. Then, when he was asked At various times in its 20-year if be felt anger toward the IRA, be

"We produced a bloody good kid," Mr. Party said. "He was a fine lad," be added. "He had his movīli ments, he could be a cheeky impudent little pup. But be was a great

have been placed in public places, like railroad or subway stations, office buildings in the financial The IRA, I've really got no center or Harrod's department

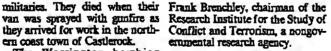
The magnanimity is not shared by everyone. The public mood seemed summed up by a headline in the tabloid, The Sun, which read: "Put the IRA up against a wall then shoot them."

Also on Thursday, almost as a inder that most of the violence in the 23-year campaign to force Britain out of Northern Ireland has occurred in Northern Ireland itself.

Mr. Parry added:

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The Warrington bombiog touched a particular nerve because the victims were so young and also because it was carried oot in a way that seemed calculated to cause

campaign of terror on the mainland it comes to targets." - a campaign that has ranged from shonings to car bombs - the IRA has insisted that it is targeting only police, military or official ci-

But in recent years its bombs Scotland Yard.

"The IRA goes through phases telephoned in by the IRA often are on the targeting of civilians," said late or have incomplete or mislead-

militaries. They died when their Frank Brenchley, chairman of the ing information, the authorities assert. This is denied by the IRA. In a statement acknowledging anthorship of the act, the IRA said

it "profoundly" regretted the death and injuries but asserted that the "The active service units that are scat over here - usually four or responsibility "hes squarely at the five people, always including a door of those in the British authoriwoman to make observation work ties who deliberately failed to act easier - stay undercover for a year on precise and adequate warnings." or more before starting operations. The statement provoked an an-gry retort from the Home Secre-They develop wide discretion when tary, Kenneth Clarke, who said it

From March 1973, when the was "deeply cynical to follow such campaign started with a car bomb an outrage with cynical nonsense of in front of the Old Bailey law this kind." courts, to December 1992, there The bombing has evoked an were 821 terrorist incidents on the emotional outpouring in Dublin as well. On Wednesday night, a peace march in the Irish capital drew mainland, resulting in 115 deaths and 1,614 injuries, according to

thousands. Casualties have also been in-Thoosands registered there Thursday to sign books of condo-lences to be sent to the mayor of creased lately because the warnings telephoned in by the IRA often are Warrington.

## **Pentagon Budgets for Peacekeeping**

Mr. Aspin said humanitarian op- in military outlays. The administra-Commiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher erations such as those in Somalia WASHINGTON --- The Clinton administration's military budget for 1994 will include \$300 million and Yugoslavia must be anticipated in Pentagon spending.

for peacekeeping and \$40 million to stem the spread of nuclear and biological weapons, Defense Secreput in a line item for peacekceping tary Les Aspin said Thursday. - \$300 million," he said. In the In a speech at the National De-Dast such money was drawn from

fense University, Mr. Aspin also said that Russia "could go forward the military's operating accounts. The oew amount may be increased in a number of directions and not as needed, Mr. Aspin said. all of them are good." But he said it

budget.

Aspin's speech was a glimose at the most ready military forces in the expected request for \$277.7 billion world," he said. (Reasers, AP) Tel: (1) 42 61 71 14 -----

tion has said it wants to cut military spending by about \$122 billion over five years. Mr. Aspin said he wanted to "What we're going to do for the first time in this budget will be to counter the notion that President Bill Clinton's military budget is "all

cuts." Some spending, though "not a great deal of money," will go to help Russia and other nations bolster democratic reforms, he said. He was not specific on where the \$40 million in nonproliferation

funds would go, but part of the money is expected to be spent gathering intelligence on Iraq, Iran, North Korea and others countries that Washington has accused of

having nuclear arms ambitions. LONDON -The Concorde, the Mr. Aspin tried to calm the miliworld's only commercial supersonic aircraft, was flown by a woman tary's wornes about belt-tighten-The president and I are deter-

for the first time Thursday, Barba-ra Harmer, 39, one of 40 women who are pilots with British Airways, flew Concorde at twice the speed of sound to New York, mak-(Reuters, AP) ing aviation history.

24-hour strike Thursday as they accepted a lower wage offer. Union workers had threatened to strike from Thursday's first train service. (AFP) stranding an estimated 24 million passengers.

## **Once Temperate Venus** Might Have Had Life

#### Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES - Venus, the arid and intensely hot "twin planet" of Earth, once was temperate and covered by perhaps 75 feet of water --- conditions that may have accommodated life, according to scientists with the National Aeronautics and Space Administra-

But NASA researchers in Mountain View. California, stressed that they had no evidence that even simple organisms actually did evolve on Venus before a runaway greenhouse effect boiled off the water, leaving the planet almost certainly uninhabitable today.

"All the data we have indicates that Venus started out just like Earth," said Tom Donahue, the University of Michigan professor of planetary sciences in charge of analyzing data from the Pioneer-Venus satellite.

Rescarchers estimated how much water existed on Venus billions of years ago by measuring the amount of hydrogen in the atmo-sphere and the current ratio of hydrogen to deuterium, a slightly

heavier isotope. Pioneer counted hydrogen isotopes during very early in its 14-year mission, which ended last fall when it exhausted fuel in the rockets that had prevented it from tumbling into the dense Vennsian air and burning up from friction.

"Venus once was a very wet planet," Mr. Donahue said, although even at its peak it probably oever had more than 0.4 percent of the water on Earth.

Liquid water probably disappeared from Venus at least 3 billion years ago — a more precise date will have to wait for further calculations, be said — but it may have been around for 1.5 billion

years, long enough to marture bacteria and other simple organisms. Bad luck put Venus just slightly too close to the sun, Mr. Donahue and his team of scientists concluded. Although Venus is relatively. close to Earth — it is the nearest of all planets — it orbits just inside that area in the solar system in which life is most likely to evolve.

Mars is in the zone, Mr. Donahue said, but was too small to maintain a hot core or to generate enough gravity to hold onto its atmosphere. If Venus had Mars's orbit, be added, some form of life likely would be found there today.

#### KOREA: Is Kim Jong Il on Top? speed up trade and investment with

#### (Continued from page 1)

street beatings and firebomb attacks on refugee hostels. A fire on Thursday swept a hosdebate from the issue of inspectors to whether the country could be lured back into the treaty. "It gives tel for foreign refugees in Siegen, but no one was injured, and fire him a card, North Korea's only card," a senior South Korean offfighters said it was not clear what had caused the predawn outbreak. cial said

Another explanation is that Mr. Kim is seeking to distract the North Korean public and the military from their many miscries - a critical shortage of food and fuel and a bankrupt economy.

A third possibility, some in Secol say, is that the North Koreans are looking to negotiate directly with the United States, bypassing South

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Korea. A fourth reason often sage in Scoul these days is that North Korea is hoping that the possibility that it holds a bomb could be used

slice of the gross national product - trying to build a bomb, and is not about to give up as the inspectors get close. Leaving the treaty may have been his only way to protect the investment. If the younger Kim has truly taken control, the evidence should

the Communist North.

And the fifth theory is perhaps

the simplest: Mr. Kim has spen

most of his life - and a significant

be obvious soon. Until now, his father has been the one meeting foreign gnests. Presumably, that would ch

would change. And if Mr. Kim wins his war of a nerves with the International Atomic Energy Agency, govern-ment guides in North Korea may start talking about him with more respect; last year, they had a hard to blackmail the South, forcing it to time naming his accomplishments.

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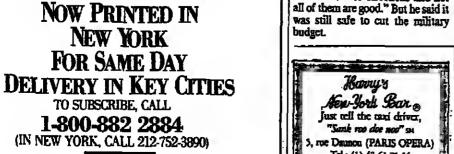
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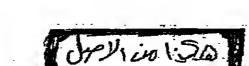
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weapons and the missiles to deliver them," he said. Mr. Aspin said \$40 million would be budgeted in fiscal

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# On Party-Line Vote, Senate Backs Draft Of Clinton Budget

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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday approved President Bill Clinton's five-year blueprint to raise taxes, cut military spending and bolster some domestic programs to spur the economy and cut the deficit by \$500 billion over five years.

The vote was 54 to 45, with none of the Senate's 43 Republicans voting in favor. Minor differences between the Senate version and one passed earlier by the House of Representatives must be reconciled for \$500 billion. final passage. But the compromise requires no presidential signature because the measure merely sets guidelines and does not create spending laws. Policies outlined by the budget

are to be put into law in a catch-all spending bill this summer to help control the deficit.

Only two Democrats --- Richard Shelby of Alabama and Bob Krueger of Texas - failed to support the new president.

Following the vote, the Senate immediately began debate on a companion \$16.3 billion jobs bill that Mr. Clinton says is needed to keep the economy headed out of recession. The White House promised an all-out effort to make sure that it, too, was passed. "The president's committed to

it," said the White House press secretary, Dec Dee Myers. "We're working very hard with members of the Senate to see that that hap-

In a televised interview Wednesday, Mr. Clinton predicted the measure would be approved because "the public would just be outraged at the thought that we have a chance here to create a half a million new jobs" and that it might

be "slowed up." But carlier Wednesday, the chairman of the Senate Appropria-tions Committee, Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, offered a warning that the \$16.3 billion package would have a "very, very difficult" time winning Senate approval.

Mr. Byrd, who has joined with Mr. Clinton in opposing proposals by moderate and conservative Democrats to shelve or delay enactment of a majority of the stimu-lus spending, said the package was vulnerable to a Republican filibuster that could force Mr. Clinton to make concessions.

Mr. Byrd rejected a mild proposal by two Democratic senators, John B. Breaux of Louisiana and David L. Boren of Oklahoma, to hold about \$10 billion of the spending in abeyance until Co

Democrat of New Jersey, voiced support for giving the president the power to veto individual spending items or tax breaks in future legislation

Mr. Clinton's budget would raise taxes, cut Pentagon spending and make select increases in domestic programs beginning in fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1. In both the Senate version and the one passed by the House last week, federal deficits would be reduced over the next five years by a total of about

The budget emerged unscathed Wednesday from its toughest chal-lenge, a Republican amendment that would have stripped away a

nait would nave supped away a proposal to raise taxes on higher-mome Social Security recipients. The Senate defeated, 52 to 47, the amendment offered by Trent Lott, Republican of Mississippi, to remove the Social Security in-crease (AP Bertern WP) CTCase. (AP, Reuters, WP)

#### No Parental Notification

The House on Thursday rejected a Republican effort to require parental notification for minors seek-ing abortions at federally funded clinics. The Associated Press reportec

The 243-to-179 vote came as the House moved on a bill to end tight government restrictions on abortion counseling. The measure, which authorizes spending for family-planning clinics, writes into law Mr. Clinton's lifting of the Bush administration's ban on such com-

seling.

President Bill Clinton being nuzzled by his cat, Socks, after his morning jog on Thursday.

#### Away From Politics

• A moderate earthquake certered near Portland, Oregon, rocked a broad area of the Pacific Northwest, damaging the state Capitol, an empty school and highway bridges, authorities said.

. David Koresis, leader of the Branch Davidian cult that has been boled up in its heavily armed compound near Waco, Texas, for three weeks, has punished some of his followers for getting drunk after a shoot-out with federal agents, federal officials said, adding that one cult member may have been sent out of the compound because of disobedience.

• The Jack-in-the-Box fast-food chain says it expects to report a second-quarter loss of \$20 million to \$30 million, mainly because of an outbreak of food poisoning at its restaurants in the Northwest that killed two children and made hundreds of customers ill.

• A plan to improve racial balance in the Detroit Police Department has met its goal and is no longer needed, a federal appeals court ruled. The plan called for changing the proportion of black to white sergeants — 5 percent to 95 percent in 1974 — to a 50-50 ratio, close to the city's racial makeup at the time.

· Ruben Zano Arce, 64, brother-in-law of Luis Echeverria, a former Mexican president, was sentenced in Los Angeles to life in prison for his role in the 1985 torture and killing of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Enrique Camarena:



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#### **Change of Heart on Justice Alde**

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton has decided not to nominate Charles F.C. Ruff, a Washington lawyer, as deputy attorney general because of concern about Mr. Ruff's failure to pay Social Security taxes for his household help and warnings from key Senate Democrats that they would not come to Mr. Ruff's defense, according to congressional sources

Joseph R. Biden Jr., chairman the Senate Judjciary Committee, had already made elear to White House officials that Mr. Ruff would be "a big problem." White House officials, including a congressional liaison, Howard Paster, concluded that the political risk of going forward with Mr. Ruff would be too high after Attorney General Janet Reno quietly canvassed other Judiciary Committee members.

Ms. Reno called Mr. Biden and indicated that it was "her judgment not to gn forward," the Delaware Democrat said.

Mr. Ruff failed to pay Social Security taxes for a 71-year-old woman who had cleaned his house once a week for nine years. He said be had not been aware that he was required to pay the taxes, because the woman was past retirement age. He recently paid \$3,300 in back taxes. (WP)

#### **Election Law Gets a Going-Over**

WASHINGTON - President Chinton, who is under pressure to curb the influence of special interests in elections, intends to propose restricting donations to political parties, White House officials said.

But a draft of the plan the officials are working on would permit individuals to give more overall to federal candidates. That feature brought protests from groups pressing for changes in the campaign finance system. They contended that the proposal did little to reduce the role of big money in politics because it would make it easier for candidates to raise large sums.

Under current law, individuals can give a total of \$25,000 a year to finance candidates for federal office, either in direct donations or through a national political party.

But beyond that amount, individuals, mions and corporations can now give as much as they want to national political parties for such activities

as voter registration drives. Such money is not supposed to finance candidates for federal office, but it often helps them indirectly without counting against contribution limits. The legislation the White House is drafting would raise the annual contribution limit to

\$50,000 - \$25,000 to federal candidates and \$25,000 to the national parties. Some unrestricted giving would still be allowed for party activity on behalf of contenders for state and local office. In addition, the proposal would not limit donations to political parties for such costs as constructing and maintaining party buildings. In the past, such accounts have received millions of dollars from donors, corporations and labor unions.

Despite the president's talk of tightening the campaign laws, some advocates of change contend that his plan would do little to decrease the influence of special-interest donors. (NYT)

Misdirected Communications?

WASHINGTON - It sure is tough being

George Stephanopoulos these days. Take what happened at a Washington fitness club. Some clients tell us there was a near-revolt when it seemed that Mr. Stephanopoulos, the White House communications director, was per-mitted to jump the endless line waiting for a piece of exercise equipment called a StairMaster. And then, when his allotted 15 minutes was up, he got

right on again. "It's just not true," Mr. Stephanopoulos insisted. "I never asked for and I don't expect preferen-tial treatment. I remember that night. There was a huge commotion that involved two other guys. One guy wouldn't let another guy on the StairMas-

This must have been Workout Night from Hell, as even the manager recalls it with a shudder. "Just a misunderstanding on a very crowded night," sbe says. "I've known George for 12 years, and I would never give him special treatment." (WP)

#### Quote/Unquote

A Capitol Hill security gnard, after asking a freshman representative, Maria Cantwell of Washington state, who was locked out of her office, what legislator she worked for and being told that she, in fact, was the legislator: "You guys sure don't look like you used to." (WP)

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completed work on overall spead-ing cuts as a "killer amendment." In the televised interview, Mr. Clinton acknowledged the possibility of a filibuster.

Several Republicans, however, said they did not plan to filibuster, at least initially, and expresse doubt that they would be able to leave much of an imprint on the

stimulus package. Before giving its final approval to the budget Thursday, the Senate also endorsed, 73 to 24, another of Mr. Clinton's stated priorities the line-item veto. The nonbinding resolution by Senator Bill Bradley,

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• The 1,900 teachers in the Dayton, Olio, school system went on strike in a contract dispute, but schools opened with substitute teachers and administrators.

· Carlos Montoya, 38: a Mexican laborer convicted of killing a Dallas police officer, was executed by lethal injection at the state prison in Huntsville, Texas.

• Four years after the worst of spill in U.S. history ravaged Alaska's Prince William Sound, Commerce Secretary Ronald L. Brown ac-knowledged that cleanup efforts to date were disappointing and pledged to expedite the process.

• Hundreds of protesters took to the streets in Fort Worth, Texas, after a 17-year-old white supremacist who had been convicted in the murder of a black man was sentenced to probation only. Prosecutors said they were considering an appeal of the sentence.

Sergenat Stacey C. Koon, in his second day on the witness stand, took responsibility for every kick and blow used on Rodney G. King, whose videotaped beating by Los Angeles police officers during his arrest after a high-speed chase horified the nation. "My intent was to cripple Rodney King," said Sergeant Koon, the senior officer at the scene. "That is a better option than having to use deadly force, having to choke or having to shoot Rodney King."

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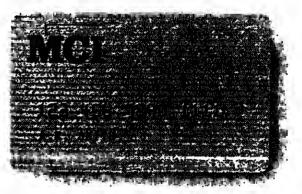
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#### BOSNIA: Muslim President Signs Peace Plan at the UN With a New Map YELTSIN:

(Continued from page 1) was not immediately known how the map was changed.

Fred Eckhard, spokesman for the mediators, said Mr. Karadzic "reserved his position."

The meeting for the signing was the first joint session involving all three leaders since the peace talks moved from Geneva to New York carlier this year

All three leaders have previously signed two other documents dealing with constitutional principles, and arrangements for a cease-fire and disengagement of forces. Mr. Izetbegovic arrived nearly four hours after the scheduled start of the plenary session and told reporters it was "now up to the international community," a reference to the UN Security Council or United States pressure on Serbs to sign.

Among the measures mentioned were more sanctions against the rump state of Yugoslavia. although no one was sure if Russia would agree. Mr. Karadzic warned that any new sanctions against Yugoslavia meant his group would leave the peace conference altogether.

The plan calls for Bosnia to be divided into regions based largely along ethnic lines. Although the former Yugoslav republic would remain a single state, the central government's powers would be limited.

Mr. Karadzic opposes the boundaries of the proposed regions, contending they would take land the Serbs should control. Serbs, who account for about a third of Bosnia's population, have taken about 70 percent of the territory during the 11-month civil war in the former

Yugoslav republic. Mr. Karadzic also has been unwilling to accept the concept of Bosnia remaining a unified state. The Serbs want to form their own state, which Bosnia's Muslim-led government fears might reunite with Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

With international outrage mounting over the plight of Muslims in eastern Bosnia, Mr. Milosevic appeared eager to defuse any diplomatic pressure on Serbs by playing peacemak-er. General Morillon said in Belgrade that he requested a cease-fire throughout Bosnia-Her-

zegovina, not just in the stricken east, where the French general has been holed up for two weeks

He has made a personal crusade of saving Srebrenica, where up to 60,000 people are surrounded by attacking Serb forces. Hundreds of desperate people were reported fleeing the town on foot Thursday.

The French general said, "President Milosevic has promised to help me in implementation of every request I have made." That included air evacuation and aid convoys for Srebrenica.

"I hope with the help of the president we could avoid what could be the start of a new war," General Morillon said. He refused to elaborate, but apparently referred to the Serb push in eastern Bosnia.

In a related development, the Defense Minis-try in Bonn said German planes were not joining airdrops of humanitarian aid over eastern Bosnia on Thursday as expected.

German and French aircraft had been scheduled to join U.S. planes parachuting emergency supplies over east Bosnia. (AP, Reuters)

**Breathing Room** (Continued from page 1) gress meets Friday for its second emergency session in less than a month. By most calculations, how-

ever, they are unlikely to be able to muster the required two-thirds ma-jority of the 1,033 deputies. But even if the hard-liners do not succeed in dismissing Mr. Yeitsin, they could further whittle away his power. Mr. Khasbulatov has already demanded that Mr. Yeltsin

points and charcoal from campfires at the 11,700-year-old site appeared to solve one mystery of the earliest Americans. If they had indeed migrated across land then connecting Siberia and Alaska, surrender control over state-run ra-**CONDUCTOR:** Sony's Chief Takes Up the Baton dio and television and stop oversee-ing the work of local government bodies through a network of pro-(Continued from page 1)

vincial governors and preside representatives. The Congress York, whose musical interpretation might also by to purge the govern-ment of outspoken reformers such as Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kohas been praised by critics and last year was named conductor of the American Symphony Orchestra, founded by Leopold Stokowski in zyrev and Deputy Prime Minister Anatoli B. Chubais. 1962 In the short term, Mr. Yeltsin's In the early 1960s, Mr. Ohga attempt to reassert his authority worked for Sony during the day

through a dramatic appeal to the nation appears to have backfired. His about-face on assuming emergency powers has alarmed many of his remaining supporters in parliament, while only whetting the ap-

"The president does not seem to have a real strategy," said Ravik Smirnov, a pro-Yeitsin deputy from the northern Russian town of Vologda. "One day he attacks, the next day he retreats. It's difficult to know what to make of all this."

The strategy becomes more exnlicable if one assumes that Mr. Yeltsin has given up on the Congress and is staking everything on the battle for public opinion. In his television address Thursday night, the president once again tried to portray the Congress as the principal obstacle to political stability.

Public opinion polls published in the pro-Yeltsin Moscow press sug-gest that his standing with the voters has improved significantly since he embarked on the latest tossle with parliament. A poll of 1,100 Miscovites in the newspaper Izves-tia, for example, reported that 59 percent would support Mr. Yeltsin in the referendum he has planned for April 25 and that 16 percent would vote against him.

The results were treated skepti-cally by many deputies, including some of Mr. Yeltsin's supporters. Several pointed out that the polls had been carried out in the Moscow region, which is traditionally s Yeltsin stronghold.

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petite of his opponents for fresh political concessions. CBS/Sony, the Japanese arm of CBS Records, and in 1987 he over-saw Sony's acquisition of CBS Records. In the late 1970s, when Sony and Philips collaborated on the de-

be able to accommodate Beetho-ven's Ninth Symphony, at about 74 minutes.

Alaska Site Pushes Back Prehistory

the Americas.

Mr. Ohga began conducting in public in 1990, when he was 60, and has conducted benefit concerts in Tokyo and Germany for the Poland Relief Fund and a handful of arts organizations and festivals. Nathan Leventhal, the president

and sang at night, but he gave up his double life after he fell asiecp and nearly missed his cue in a per-formance of "Le Nozze di Figaro." But his work at Sony kept him in touch with the classical music of Lincoln Center, saw a video of one of Mr. Ohga's concerts at a demonstration of Sony's high-defi-nition television system in Tokyo in world. From 1968 until he became Angust Sony's president in 1982, he ran

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of people living in America.

WASHINGTON - The remains of a prehistor-

ic hunting lookout in northern Alaska have been identified as the earliest well-documented evidence

The discovery of some finely worked stone lance

"He was conducting the Schu-bert 'Unfinished.'" Mr. Leventhal recalled. "It was a very musical performance, very graceful. He obcords. In the late 1970s, when Sony and Philips collaborated on the de-velopment of the compact disk, it proposed his conducting a benefit Grammophon.

was Mr. Ohga's idea that the disk for Lincoln Center, I agreed to it." Still, one senses slight hesitation at Lincoln Center about the idea of a well-connected, enthusiastic amateur conducting on the institution's behalf. Several officials noted pointedly that the concert is a private, philanthropic event, not a Lincoln Center presentation. The proceeds are to be divided among all the Lincoln Center constituents. and David Rivel, Lincoln Center's vice president for marketing, said previous events have typically raised \$200,000. As for Mr. Ohga, it seems that in

where were the remains of this paleo-Indian cul-ture in the far north? Previously, the earliest estab-

lished artifacts were those found in the high plains

and Southwest of the United States, dating from

about 11,000 years ago. Archaeologists said the discovery of these paleo-

Indian artifacts in Alaska was an exciting and

important event in New World archeology. It is

certain to force scholars to rethink many of their

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purely musical matters he is not entirely a company man. Asked which recording of the Beethoven Seventh was his favorite, he thought for a moment and said it was Carlos Kleiber's, with the Vienna Philharmonic. On Deutsche

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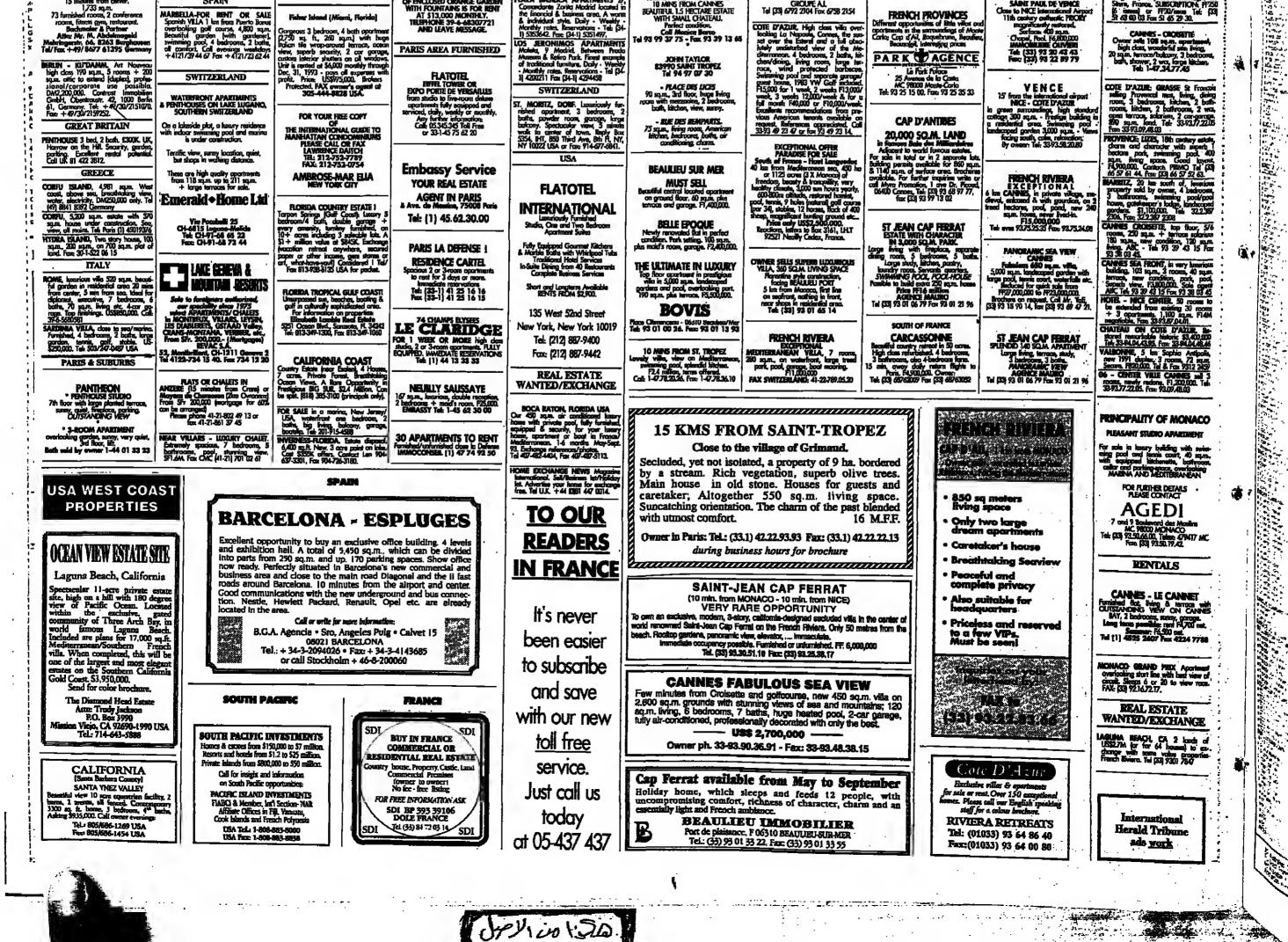
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BONN - Chancellor Heimut Kohl of Germany, the strong man of Europe for most of George Bush's presidency, went to Washington on Thursday to meet President Bill Clinton, but the country he leads now looks far less economically formidable and politically self-confident than it did after reunification two and a half years

For months, Germany's political system has been all but paralyzed by indecision about how to handle the swelling ranks of refugees from Eastern Europe, the spiraling costs of absorbing the ruined Commumist economy of Eastern Germany, and the growing expectations of its international partners.

For years, Germany has been calling on other countries to contribute as much as it has provided - nearly \$50 billion since 1989 -to keep the forces of democracy and free markets from coming to. grief in Russia and other former Soviet republics.

Now that President Clinton is proposing a new program of aid to bolster the forces represented by the embattled Russian leader, Boris N. Yeltsin, Mr. Kohl is expected to say that Germany is broke and has done enough already.

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Harlostak Germany led Europe into the mess in the Balkans, pressing for recognition of the republics of Slovenia, Croatia and later Bosnia-Herzegovina so fast that the ultranationalist government of Serbia used the German threat as a pretext for military action against them. But Germany also showed on the eve of Mr. Kohl's departure that it

was hardly in a position to lead Europe out of the morass.

was so divided on what to do about that of Germany being embarone key issue relating to the war in rassed again with its allies, as it was the Balkans that it decided, in effect, to sue itself and buck the deci- also said the constitution barred its sion to a federal constitutional troops from taking part. court in Karlsruhe.

The issue was whether the antimilitarist clauses of the 1949 German Constitution would require Bonn to pull its crew members off NATO air surveillance missions of NEWS ANALYSIS

military flights over Bosnia if, as has long been expected, the UN Security Council authorized the use made clear that, for them, the probof force to keep Serbian aircraft from flying there. Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratlet them.

ic alliance said the constitutional ban on acts tending to and under-taken with the intent to disturb the peaceful relations between nations did not apply to international peacekeeping missions undertaken under UN aegis. But Foreign Minister Klaus Kin-

kel's Free Democrats said the constitution needed to be amended something that can happen only with the consent of the Social Democratic opposition, before German troops could be put into potential combat situations beyond the

country's borders, even in self-de-Because no country really wanted to take the first step into the swamp of involvement in the fighting in the Balkans, and lately be-cause of the political turmoil in German participation in UN peacekeeping missions. Russia, the Security Council has repeatedly put off a vote on enforc-ing the flight interdiction zone.

And until Wednesday night, court to rule that no change is Bonn kept putting off a decision because it could not agree on a needed. What Mr. Kohl would do if the ruling came out the other way was apparently not something he The threat of a breakup of the thought he needed to worry about

Mr. Kohl's coalition government government loomed briefly, as did in Washington this week.

With the possibility of a UN de-cision on Bosnia coming just as Mr. Kohl was about to confer with his chief NATO ally in Washington, as the Christian Democratic legislator Friedrich Vogel put it, "If German crew members pull out of the AWACS, Kohl might as well spare himself the trip to Washington." Mr. Kinkel and his party have

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lean is not German troops staying on the planes but the necessity of changing the constitution first to So, late Wednesday night, they and the Christian Democrats agreed that if the United Netions

passed the resolution, Mr. Kohl's party would order German troops to stay on the surveillance plan and Mr. Kinkel's party would then apply for a temporary injunction against the action, and a quick rul-ing, from the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe, The opposition Social Demo-

cratic leader, Hans-Ulrich Klose, sarcastically described this Thursday as "a really classy way to gov-em." His party has challenged German participation in the naval blockade of Serbia, and it is not willing to go along with a constitutional change to permit broader

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Mr. Kohl taking a moment Thursday at a Bundestag debate.

The government appears to be counting on the constitutional



## **Mitterrand and Conservatives Appear Headed for Stalemate**

By Joseph Fitchett

rnanonal Herald Tribune PARIS - French politicians looking beyond the second round of legislative elections on Sunday, are battling over the choice of prime minister and the rules for coexistence between a conservative government and President Francois Mitterrand.

Despite the unexpectedly sweep-ing disavowal of the Socialist Party he created, Mr. Mitterrand is determined to stay in office until his term expires in 1995 as a rear-guard action against a conservative lock

on political institutions. He will have scant room for maneuver against a government run by his opponents and a 577-seat National Assembly that some analysts say could contain as many as 500 conservatives.

cate a more cooperative approach Control of the legislature is only half the battle in France because of the president's strong powers, so designed to ensure that Mr. Mitterrand stays. the country will remain in a campaign mode during the new "cohabitation" between the president and his conservative prime minis-ter. Unlike the first such arrangement, from 1986 to 1988, this time promises to be a cold war.

Hunkering down, Mr. Mitterrand has set up a private network of trusted aides paralleling key gov-ernment departments so that he can foil any attempt to keep him in the dark about official business. Although primed to seek a politi-cal showdown with Mr. Mitterrand

if he tries to undermine their domestic policies, conservative politicians seem likely to shun controversial initiatives. Radical policies might trigger controversy without reviving the economy or halting the slide to deeper memployment. Instead, the incoming govern-

ment is expected to concentrate on The wider background to these popular issues such as tougher law maneuvers is potentially ominous signs of widening French dissatisenforcement and tighter control over immigration - vote-getting faction with the current system of themes that could maintain the representation and the cast of poconservatives' political momenlitical leaders

The mainstream parties' com-These tactics reflect the calcula-tions of presidential candidates. bined share of the popular vote dropped sharply, with the two cen-ter-right groups and the Socialists getting a total of 58 percent, com-Favored to win an election now, Jacques Chirac, leader of the Gaullist Rally for the Republic, has pared with 72 percent in the last parliamentary election in 1988. Because of an electoral system started pressing for Mr. Mitter-rand's early departure.

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designed to produce strong parlia-His rival - Valery Giscard d'Esmentary majorities, the extreme rightist National Front of Jeantaing, leader of the other coalition party, the Union for French De-Marie Le Pen will have only one or mocracy - needs time to consolitwo seats, even though it is now a date his own political comeback. strongly implanted party in the French Riviera. So he, along with other hopefuls such as former Prime Minister Raymond Barre and François Leo-

The leftist vote is in disarray. The Socialists seem close to extinction as a party, and the ecologists, lacking credibility on economic issues, have again split into factions.

Cantious tactics are likely to prevail under the man widely expected to be named prime minister — Edouard Balladur, an urbane technocrat and moderate Gaullist with strong economic credentials. Mr. Chirac has said he would refuse another turn as prime minister because he wants to stay aloof from experts daily government and campaign for the presidency.

tard, a younger contender, advo-

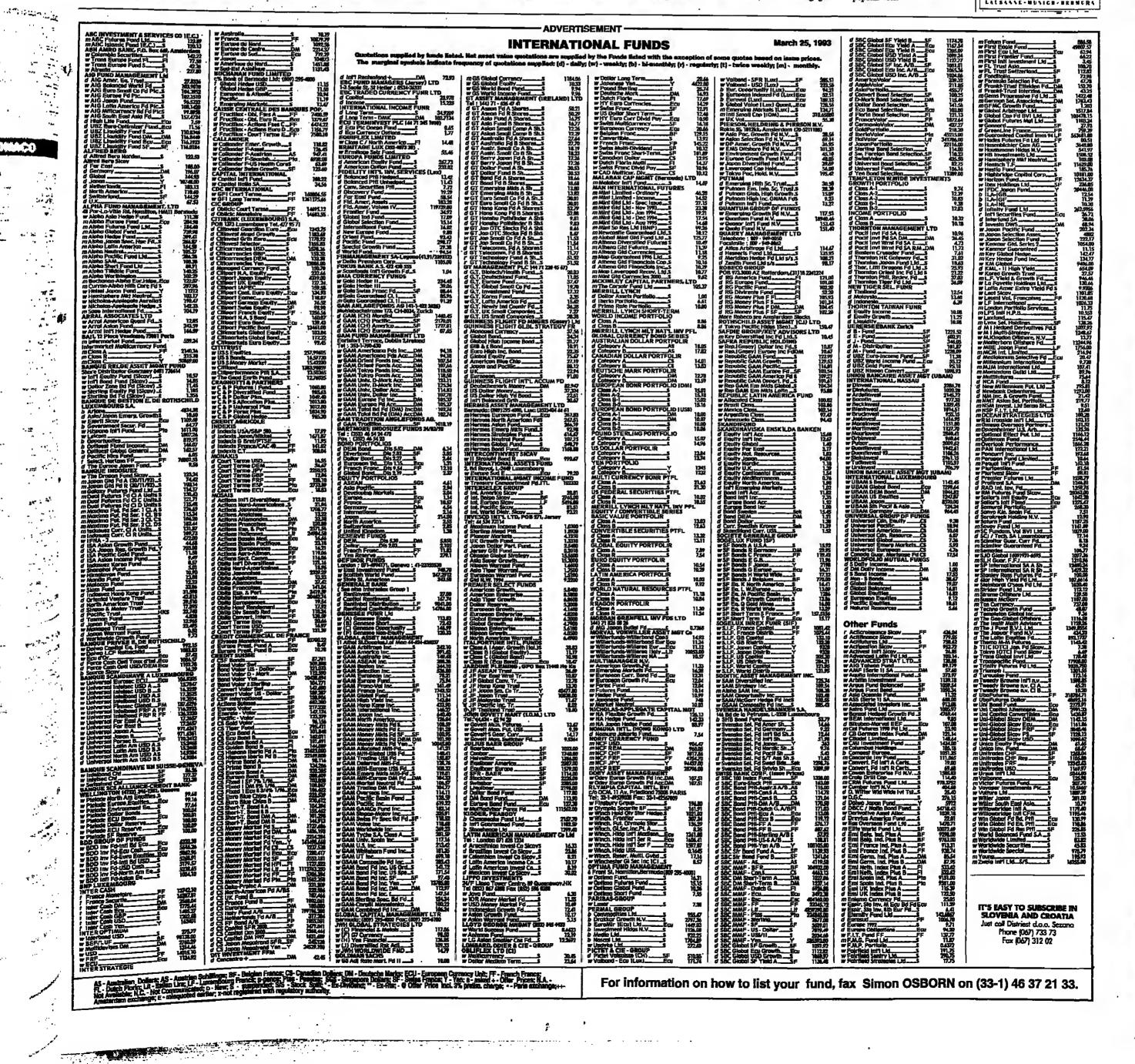
Legally, Mr. Mitterrand can appoint whomever he chooses, and he might turn to Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, tempting him to break the tenuous alliance that has buoyed the conservatives. By enabling the two parties to field a single candidate in most

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ZHONGSHAN CITY, China - Bosis Yelt-zin's struggle for political survival, which

rivets Europe and America, stirs mostly rhetori-

cal vawns from East Asian leaders gathered here

in southern China for a conference. To these

government officials, business moguls and schol-

ars, Russia is a long-term wreck about which outsiders can do little. Whether democratic or

authoritarian, it is for them neither a threat nor,

more importantly, a market. What preoccupies East Asians today is not the old strategic mumbo jumbo but money. For the

first time they are making it hand over fist as a

region, and they want more - as well as a bigger

slice of the power salami. The economic might that lodged in Europe during the Renaissance and crossed the Atlantic

at the turn of this century is now traversing the

at the turn of this century is now traversing up Pacific. The pervasive new sense of economic dynamism gives East Asia its first glimmers of regional identity — as well as self-confidence, optimism, a growing pride, a muscularity. In the 1980s, in this region stretching from discount to large suprace GNP grow more

Singapore to Japan, average GNP grew more than twice as fast as it did in Europe and Ameri-

ca. And that stunning gap will persist. By 1990, East Asian trade with Western Eu-

rope and North America exceeded direct Euro-

pean-American trade. East Asia's savings rate, 30 percent of GNP, dwarfs the West's - 10

percent on average, much less in the United States. And from savings come new investments.

Here in Guangdong Province, an area mired

in poverty 10 short years ago, growth in the

For a century and a half, except for

the Japanese occupation, political power in Hong Kong has been mo-nopolized by Britain, Beijing's under-

Jame 30, 1997, Mr. Patten's proposal is that, come 1995, the people of Hong

Kong will have a vote, and the candi-

dates they elect to the colony's Legisla-

tive Council will have real authority

tasted democracy - even the limited version proposed by Mr. Patten -

Hong Kong will become addicted to

the brew and will not easily accept a return to colonial patterns, this time

China rightly fears that having once

and not be the tame advisers of old.

### **OPINION**

## Herald Eribune. East Asians Will Be Changing the Rules

**Nuclear Cheats** The only explanation that makes sense for why North Korea is withdrawing from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty is that the latest inspections demanded by the International Atomic Energy Agency would have uncovered evidence of the bomb the North Koreans deny they are working on. In short, they are nuclear cheats. Their extreme totalitarian style creates a first level of suspicion, their intelligence-certified bomb progress a second level, and their stiffing of IAEA inspections at two nuclear waste sites at Yongbyon a third.

North Korea denies all and obfuscates. It objected to Bill Clinton's resumption, after a year's pause, of joint American-South Korean maneuvers; these are now over. It further whines that the IAEA has demanded a "special inspection" — to examine an unlisted facility — which it has not demanded of others. These complaints are distractions from the main issue. There is a basic disparity: South Korea has a nuclear patron, North Korea does not. But the right answer for the North, which has brought isolation and impoverishment npon itself, is not to cheat and go nuclear. It is to seek its security in all-Korean, regional and global accommodation. President Clinton, in his first lap on the

nonproliferation track, chose to forgo threatening North Korea with sanctions. Instead he depicted its withdrawal as provisional and invited it to reconsider during the 90 days that the nonproliferation treaty prescribes. It makes sense to exhaust any possibility that Kim Il Sung's defiance arises from considerations of bargaining over nuclear inspection terms. This should help Washington firm up international support for a position of absolute firmness on inspection of the suspect sites. China has a special responsibility, since by taking a stance against use of United Nations sanctions to affect a country's "internal" affairs it removes a key lever on North Korea.

There is no comfort in seeing North Ko-rea quit the treaty. That would leave its nuclear program unconstrained either by treaty obligation or by the sense of international community that membership was meant to encourage. But other countries cannot be so concerned to keep a rogue country in the treaty that they yield on a crucial inspection. That would be a mockery. If intelligence, inspection or flight from inspection indicates that North Korea is continuing a secret bomb program, then a major world crisis unfolds.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### By Leslie H. Gelb

1980s averaged an astounding 20 percent annually. This compares with 7 percent for the rest of China — not bad, either. In 1991, per capita income among Guangdong's population of about 70 million hit \$1,230, very small by Western standards but an enormous leap forward in

the developing world. When you disembark from the Hong Kong ferry and drive to the resort site of this Asia Society conference, you see scores of factories and high-rise apartments leaping from the mud alongside rice paddies. Thanks mainly to a rich network of overseas Chinese, more construc-tion is under way in southern China than anywhere else in the world today.

East Asians do not want anything getting in the way of this economic explosion — not gov-ernments, not foreign policies, not protection-ism, not American ideals, not America. With few exceptions, leaders here are the world's most ardent advocates of freer trade. They feel that East Asia has the skills to compete, and they want to knock down trade barriers. The United

want to knock down hate barnes. The Omet-States and Japan, two flagging economic power-houses, are the ones now dragging their heels. Without exception, the East Asians at this conference worry that Washington will spoil ev-erything by linking politics and economics. Spe-cifically, they fear that the United States will within a sector of the states will withdraw most-favored-nation trading status from China to punish Beijing for buman rights

Beijing vs. Patten: Hong Kongers Will Decide It

violations, thereby disrupting regional trade. Economic growth is more important than political freedom," a Filipino businessman said. The Philippines, a former American colony,

was the most subject to American idealism, and it's the place with the worst growth in the region. There is democratic gridlock in my country." The consensus among Asians at the conference

ine consensus among Asians at the connective was that in their part of the world government should be "for the people rather than by the people," as a Hong Kong businessman put it. Most argued that authoritarian rule is the surest path to growth, and perhaps even eventually to democracy, as in Taiwan and South Korea. To pain to grown, and permits of the Korea. To democracy, as in Taiwan and South Korea. To them, Russia embodies the folly of putting the democratic cart before the economic horse.

The group not only questioned American ide-ology but bridled at American arrogance toward orogy but bridged at American arrogance oward Asians. "Do you want to get even?" I asked. One particularly vehement Singaporean economist looked me in the eye, smiled, and said, "Yes." But, for all their new assertiveness, many Asian leaders here understand full well the politi-

cal fragility underpinning their economic boom, and how easily booms go bust. And, for all their complaining about America

East Asians remain very much preoccupied by the United States, still the biggest economic and security factor in their lives. It is a love-hate relationship — with a little less love and a little more envy. Sensing their ascendancy and America's decline, they now want to redefine that relationship - and they will.

The New York Times.

## The Round Is Dying Of Neglect

#### By Roy Denman

B RUSSELS - A storm looms for the international business community. The Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations may well go bust in the next 12 months. More than two years behind schedule, it is in very bad shape. Its troubles started at the outset

with a major American blunder. The with a major renter and violation. The Reagan administration insisted on the goal of abolishing all trade-dis-torring agricultural subsidies. This was wildly intrealistic, as much for the European Community as for the United States. European farmer, and not just the French, have rioth at the prospect of a one-third cut in farm support. And anyone who thinks that the U.S. Congress would abolish federal subsidies to dairy farmers is either wrong in the head or has never been to Wisconsin.

The result was that no negotiation on agriculture, and thus no serious negotiation on the package as a whole, could take place for years. Negotiation is about reckoning what your can get at the end of the day, calling it 100 and bidding for 160 or 170. If someone insists on 3,000 there can be no discussion.

can be no inscussion. The European Community made three mistakes. First, it should have explained publicly that the U.S. goal was unattainable; and then it should have offered a constructive alternative, say a 50-percent all-around cut in farm support, in parallel with targets set earlier for industrial tariffs, resulting in cuts of about a third each time.

Second, it should have dealt more speedily with the growing cost of its farm support. (In extenuation, it must he said that the target of complete abolition of subsidies made it easy for the French to go around saying, "Why should we bother to do anything? Nothing will satisfy the Americans.") Third, when the EC Commission

did succeed last year in a major reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, it should have seized its a chance and sent a high-level team to Washington to see James Baker, the Busit administration's deal maker, The Commission could have explained that nothing more would be on offer (at least in this negotiation) and that to leave the issue in suspense would mean a deterioration of the atmosphere in Europe. I think a deal could have been struck and the ground cleared for settling the re-

maining issues by the fall. So the Urugnay Round was left to limp into the Clinton era. This has probably dealt it a fatal blow. To ex-pect a new administration, elected on a domestic program, to embrace a half-completed outline of an international accord cobbled together by its opponents and now denounced by every special interest group in the land, defies reasonable belief.

The Clinton administration does not yet have a trade policy; it has issued a contradictory series of noises

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**Privatizing Russia** Ten million new capitalists. No, they are not Koreans, Americans or West Europeans. They are Russian. In a matter of months, tens of thousands of Mom and Pop shops and hundreds of large enterprises have been privatized - turned over to workers, managers and outside investors, some foreign. By the end of April, when the number may reach 10 million, Russia will be well launched on an astonishingly quick

traverse from socialism to capitalism, While the West fixates on Russia's political turmoil that threatens to bury Botis Yeltsin's reform government, an economic revolution goes on largely unnoticed. Privatization has not always been pretty or fair, but it has been popular. It has been very, very quick. And for President Yeltsin quick counts for a lot. When Russians go to the

polls next month he is counting on the new capitalists to back his pro-market reforms. Privatization may be more than Mr. Yeltsin's ticket to political victory. It also creates an opening for Western help. Previous Western efforts to spur reform - for example, with debt relief and funds to stabilize the ruble --- fell apart when Moscow was unable to provide assurances that it could manage economic policy so that the money would not be wasted. Privatization is different, It is happening. All Bill Clinton and other West-ern leaders need to do is push it along.

Mr. Yeltsin recognized that capitalism could not work without capitalists. Yet he could not sell state-owned factories because. without markets, no one could know their value and few Russians had any savings. Faced with the same dilemma, the Solidarity-led government in Poland created what first seemed a textbook-perfect plan to give state-owned enterprises to a few large mutual funds. Ownership of the funds would be

concentrated so that owners would be able to keep managers in check. This added up to elegant economics but dreadful politics. It failed to involve ordinary citizens. Three years later the plan remains just that - a plan, bottled up in the National Assembly. Mr. Yeltsin chose a different tack, Borrowing from the Czechoslovaks, he involved citizens from the start. The plan turns half a company's shares over to its workers and ers, in an attempt to buy their allegiance. Most of the company's other shares are put up for auction; ordinary citizens bid for shares with vouchers provided free by the government. Nearly every Russian citizen is participating; few have sold their vouchers for cash, which they are entitled to do, rather than holding them to buy shares.

But the plan could backfire, having been built more for speed than for care. By spreading ownership thinly, it might produce companies that are ungovernable. Businesses owned by millions will be controlled by no one, permitting managers to nm riot with shareholders' assets. Privatization could unravel if the Yeltsin government falls or if hyperinflation crupts. And as yet, participation is uneven across regions,

The threats are severe, but the West could make a difference. Andrei Shleifer of Harvard, an adviser to the Russian privatization minister, suggests two important props. Western seed money to encourage foreign companies to forge partnerships with Rus-sian ones; and Western guarantees against political confiscation for foreign investors. The political landscape in Russia looks bleak these days. With inflation escalating

and production falling, the economic landscape does not look much better. But a crucial component of President Yeltsin's reformist vision, privatization, is providing

#### By George Hicks

HONG KONG — The demand by China that Britain remove Governor Chris Patten as a "crimiwith Beijing ruling. Furthermore, any democracy in Hong Kong may infect southern China, the heardand of econal" and "troublemaker" is only the latest of its increasingly frenzied at-tempts to bring him down. The root of Beijing's distaste for the man is not nomic growth and reform in the country. This could threaten national unity his failure to quote Tang poetry on and the monopoly of power of the Chinese Communist Party. his knees, grave fault though this is, but a much more mundane matter. He Even the sniff of democracy in is trying to devolve real power from Britain to the people of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is seen by Beijing as a Trojan horse threatening the survival of the world's last major Communist regime. As the democratic reforms are Mr. Patten's brainchild, it is hardly surprising that the Shanghai Libera-tion Daily calls him a descendant of standing of the agreement with Lon-don is that all this power will be transferred to China at midnight on "stinking colonialism" and the "garbage of history." China cannot afford to wait until

1997 to roll back democracy. Beijing feels that it must quickly get rid of Mr. Patten and everything he stands for. The problem is how? The military option or the brute use of economic power are not realistic possibilities for a modernizing China intent on joining GATT, avering withdrawal by the United States of most-favored-nation trading status, and hosting the Olym-pic Games in the year 2000.

#### Given the relatively low level of bilateral trade, the threat of economic reprisals by China is hardly going to move Britain. Beijing's best pro-spect of neutralizing Mr. Patten is by intimidating the population of Hong Kong. By subdy threatening reprisals against those who support the governor, by breaking off all negotiations with Britain over Hong Kong's future, by sabotaging the proposed new airport and other major economic projects, China hopes to undermine local support for Mr. Patten.

The problem for Beijing is that steps drastic enough to destroy the mass backing that the governor en-joys would require China to drop a brick on its own foot, Beijing will do this only when other options are exhausted. The increasing shrillness of its attacks on Mr. Patten suggest that this turning point is not far off.

In the past, the people of Hong Kong have not had or demanded democracy. Nor have they dared to confront China. Why then have they come out so strongly to endorse Mr. Patten's proposals and so far refused

## How to Clean Up the United Nations

#### By Dick Thornburgh

The writer recently completed a year's assignment as United Nations undersecretary-general for administration and management.

effort of the vitality and professionalism that would come from more regular procedures.

sent or future. Freedom of speech, the press, assembly, travel and religion are valued and felt to he under threat. Hong Kong knows that without the semblance of a functioning democracy, there is no chance after 1997 of maintaining a high degree of antono-my. A fully colonial Hong Kong hand-ed to China on a plate, as Britain intended prior to Mr. Patten, would have no leaders, no unity, no hope.

to he intimidated? The colony has not

only one of the highest standards of living in Asia but also freedoms that

are unthinkable in China - past, pro-

Not all the credit for Hong Kong's awakening should go to Mr. Patten. Martin Lee, Emily Lan and a host of other democratic activists have long demanded that Hong Kong have a say in deciding its own destiny. They and their millions of supporters are insis-tent that the old days of secret negotia-

tions between Beijing and London to decide Hong Kong's fate are over. Beijing continues to insist that the colony's future is solely a matter to be decided by Britain and China, This is another major sticking point with Mr. Patten, who insists that Hong Kong representatives take part in, and approve, all negotiations with Beijing.

How will this struggle be resolved? China, with no history of rule of law or individual freedom, could never accept the supremacy of law, inde-pendent judiciary and all the freedoms dear to the heart of Hong trail to grow cold and deprived the Kong. China is changing, but can it change in four years more than it has changed in the last four thousand? Big business interests in Hong Koog

turned over to Polish citizens. The idea was grounds for hope. to privatize companies but keep ownership

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

### Whither U.S. Defense?

The chairman of the Senate Armed Ser- tration played down the programmatic cuts vices Committee, Sam Nunn, is right to have posted the warning signs that be has with regard to the Clinton administration's defense budget. The president has proposed about twice as large a defense cut over the next five years as be said he would - and as Senator Numn endorsed — in last year's campaign. The senator has been careful not to oppose the president's new position; he has not picked a fight. What he has done instead, and usefully so, is to point out some optimistic assumptions on which the new budget is based.

If those pleasant assumptions don't pan out, and such assumptions often don't, then either the budget will have to be bigger than the president has projected, or deeper cuts will have to he made in what the budget buys -- troop strength, air wings, training time, research and development, capability gener-ally. Mr. Nunn wants to lock both the president and Congress into the first alternative.

The administration has not spelled out the cuts that it would make in the defense program to match the ones that it has proposed in the budget. It probably won't until late this year or early next. But it has argued that these programmatic cuts will be manageable, meaning that they will not he so deep or difficult as to impair the national security on which the defense budget ought to he based. For one thing, the inflation rate is now expected to he lower than when the Bush administration drew up its last detailed defense budget. Lower inflation would by itself reduce the Pentagon budget by many billions, a painless savings. Mr. Clinton also has proposed both a civilian and a military pay freeze this year and less than full indexation of pay for several years thereafter. That, too, would save billions.

Mr. Num's concern is, what if inflation proves to he higher than estimated or Congress refuses to approve the pay proposals? He does not want the extra cost to come out of the Pentagon's hide in the form of fewer troops, planes, ships etc. That is particularly so because he thinks that the Bush adminisimplied by its defense budget, too. One round of program cuts not yet identified probably needs to be made just to get down to the Bush spending totals, much less the lower ones that Mr. Clinton has proposed.

The chairman points out that the defense budget has now been cut in real terms in each of the last eight years. Mr. Chinton would take it by 1998 to a point about 40 percent below the Reagan peak that it reached in 1985. Last year, when still chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Defense Secretary Les Aspin estimated the future force structure that a budget about the size of Mr. Clinton's might buy. The illustrative totals included nine active army divisions. down from a target of 12 now (and 16 at the end of fiscal 1991), 18 tactical air wings, down from a target of 26 now, and a fleet of 340 ships, down from a target of 450. Where is it in those terms and not just in terms of dollars that the administration and country now want to go? That is the question that Mr. Nunn insists be the starting point for these deliberations, and he is right.

#### Other Comment

#### What Russians Think

A paternalistic Boris Yeltsin is sensitive to changes in popular sentiment. Yet the Russian president seems to be lacking in perseverance and unskilled at the unglamorous work of patiently winning over opposition forces in the Russian parliament in order to come to agreement with them. He is liable to he tempted to make direct calls to the populace over its head.

With the political situation having gone this far, there seems no way other than bringing forward elections for the parliament and the presidency so as to determine the will of the people over who is the legitimate ruler of Russia.

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— Asahi Shimbun (Tokyo).

WASHINGTON - With the vast increase in United Nations activities and expenditures resulting from the organization's newfound status as a global 911 emergency number, its capacity for ensuring the integrity of its operations is more important than ever. The recent report by the UN Fi-

nancing Advisory Group, led by Paul Volcker and Shijuro Ogata, noted specifically that "support for improved financing will he dependent upon a perception that funds are economically managed and effectively spent.

Unfortunately, the mechanisms in place to promote such a perception and to deal with allegations of fraud, waste and abuse within the United Nations are creaking leftovers from more placid times. Internal audit units are woefully understaffed, external audit functions are ill defined, and the latest report of the \$4-million-a-year Joint Inspection Unit deals with "Managing Works of Art in the United Nations."

What is needed is an Office of Inspector General, staffed to audit, investigate and lay the basis for re-

medial action in serious cases of conflict of interest, misappropriation of funds or other corrupt practices. Creation of this office should be

coupled with adoption of a comprehensive code of conduct with strict financial disclosure requirements for key UN staff members: a moratorium on further expensive worldwide conferences; reduced travel expenditures; elimination of "featherbedding" practices; and more strenuous control over the unnecessarily wide array of UN publications — all as recommended in the report 1 presented to Secretary-General Butros

Butros Ghali upon the completion of my one-year assignment at the United Nations. The inspector general's office is the centerpiece of this agenda for reform. The United Nations' current

structure for andit, inspection, investigation and program evaluation is so fragmented and inadequate that, time and again, we were called upon to set up ad hoc teams to carry out inquiries into allegations of serious wrongdoing. The delay inherent in the process of recruiting and staffing

The need for closer and more of fective scrutiny of UN operations is especially crucial given the mounting concern of major contributing member states about the rising level of expenditures of the United Nations in nearly every area, estimated to exceed \$4 billion this year.

These major donors, and indeed all members, descrive the reassurance that their contributions are being wisely and prudently spent, so that they in turn can convey such reassurance to their taxpayers, the ultimate supporters of all UN activity. My recommendation in this re-

gard is largely a result of my previous experience with inspectors gencral, as governor of Pennsylvania and as U.S. attorncy general. In each case, I found the office of inspector general to he of immeasurable assistance in keeping management fully and currently informed about prob-lems and deficiencies relating to program administration and operations and about the necessity for and pro-

gress of corrective actions. Such a management tool is essen-tial, indeed long overdue, for today's United Nations. these pickup teams often allowed the

The Washington Post.

**Don't Expect New Politics From France** 

#### PARIS - The overwhelming con-servative avalanche in French parliamentary elections has people here

somewhat worried, even the victors. The precise division of seats will be decided in Sunday's runoff, but prodecided in Sunday's runoit, out pro-jections show that 85 percent will go to the center-right coalition led by for-mer Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, who is also mayor of Paris, and former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Together their parties won 40 per-cent of the vote. Still, the demolition of the governing Socialists and the sturdy showing of the extreme-right National Front, with 12.7 percent (but probably only one or two seats), seem to show a dramatic shift. Frenchmen ask if their country is out of step again, careening rightward when other democracies are tilting away from the conservative trend of the 1980s.

right do not mean much any more. The formidable barricades left by the revolution have eroded. France is no longer "cut in half," as commentators used to complain. To the extent that there is a sharp division, it is between the voters and "the political class," the too long familiar names and faces and a felt void of ideas.

The slogans that brought François Mitterrand to power in 1981 sound not only worn but hidicrous now --"change society" and "break with the past." This time the winners promised only to throw the rascals out, and the only argument the losers found was that the other side would be worse.

because of politics but because of technological and economic developments sweeping the world. The French feel that they are in a deep,

made for the majestic Charles de Gaulle, which spurs his successors to aspire to towering realms, leaves President Mitterrand the right to remain in power for two more years despite the voters' massive rejection of his party. That means that the

campaign is far from over. Electoral maneuvering will stretch on, switching only from the fuzzy outlines of parties and factions to a keen focus on individual leaders, none of them intrigningly fresh. That is why Mr. Chirac does not want to be prime minister now. He is concen-trating on the presidential race, and he knows the speed of wear and tear on the leaders who will be held responsible by still disgrantled voters

for running the country with such a colossal legislative majority. From the viewpoint of its foreign partners, there is not likely to be much change in French policy with a new government. If anything, such peevish national issues as the disputes with the United States over aericultural trade and the organization of NATO may be exacerbated. The right tends to he nationalistic and it will he prodded by the antiforeigner, anti-Europe, "France for the French" National Front.

The one puzzle is how Mr. Mitter-rand will behave in his isolated splendor. He is 76 and suffering from prostate cancer, but clearly not tired of his pleasure in stubborn unpredictability, personal whim, aloof exercise of will. So do not expect a ourst of new that be, It is not peculiar to France, energy, a sense of fresh start and a but this country has its particularities new look at the world from France. President Bill Clinton remains alone and its personalities and is especially in that mode. The unusual constitution, hand-

C Flora Lewis.

would like a return to the pre-Patten world. Then, in every crunch, Britain caved in to China. Yet this would solve nothing. Hong Kong is no longer propared to go quietly, allowing London and Beijing to decide its fate.

How far will the rest of the world go in supporting Hong Kong's life and death struggle to defend its free-doms? The dual standard that has long applied to China is still in place. How many Western governments reject Beijing's claim to Hong Kong and support self-determination for the people? Why is China's claim to its 19th century boundaries accepted without question regardless of the wishes of the 6 million people of

Hong Kong? Is it simply a case of might makes right? It is difficult to he optimistic. When the preliminary jousting ends, China will get down to serious intimidation to try to scuttle the Patten reforms. Hopefully, the people of Hong Kong will stand firm. But they must know that freedom is never bought cheaply.

Despite its critical rhetoric about China, will the Clinton administration be willing to lift a finger - other than to wag it - to support freedom and democracy in Hong Kong, where it is under attack and stands the best chance of taking root?

It is easier for the United States to support the forlorn democrats and student activists in Beijing because support of hopeless causes is verbal, comes nearly cost-free and is recog-nized by Beijing for what it is. Sup-port of Mr. Patten and Hong Kong's majority forces would involve a real cost: a challenge to the status quo in Asia and to an influential member of

the United Nations Security Council. The writer, an economist and author f several books on Asia, contributed is comment to the Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1893: King Is 'Attacked'

PARIS - A report was circulating in Paris last evening to the effect that an attempt had been made to assassinate the King of Italy. Fortunately there was no foundation for it beyond the fact that a madman threw a paper bag filled with mud into King Humbert's carriage. An attempt will doubtless be made to magnify this incident, and to invest it with a political character. It is to be hoped it will not succeed, and that through too much zeal a madman will not be taken for an assassin. The emotion produced by this incident will show King Humbert the extent of the sym-

#### 1918: Losses and Gains

PARIS --- The gigantic battle on the Western front continues to rage with unprecedented violence. French troops, it is now officially reported, are in the struggle on the right of the British. Fighting back, the Allied

troops yielded ground again yester-day [March 25] under the weight of superior numbers, but latest advices show that they are holding the enemy masses on their new positions. The Noyon beights and Noyon itself are finmly held by the French, while in figure, fighting. Marke

shortage in New York's history was in prospect for the week-end last night as the city's slim stocks of beef and pork, lamb and poultry were further depicted by heavier government purchases for war use. And, except for one possibility, it seemed certain that the next six days would bring no relief, with the result that when meat rationing begins on Monday [March 29] some retailers would have nothing to ration or would be sold out quickly before all customers were satisfied.

NEW YORK - [From our New York edition:] The worst meat pathy he enjoys throughout Europe.

fierce fighting, Neale was several times lost and regained. 1943: Rationing Rations

for the bridge in Thomas B. Macaulay's "Lays of Ancient Rome," when "Those behind cried forward and those in front cried back." But one can sense a feeling in Washington that previous trade policies have not worked well for the Unites States and that foreigners had

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better shape up and open up, or it will be the worse for them. This ignores reality: In international trade there are no saints, we are all sinners. But the president will still talk of

"competing, not retreating" and will get Congress, maybe in June, to ex-tend "fast track" negotiating author-ity to the end of this year.

In the summer, trumpets will sound in Geneva and a new deadline will he set - perhaps the end of September. This will pass. So will the others. For the Americans are not showing much zeal; the troops are weary; some have left Geneva and gone to other jobs.

The mass of detail still to he settled is underestimated. And trade - less glamorous than foreign affairs or finance - is not represented at Group of Seven summit meetings.

So at the end of the year the Urugnay Round will no konger he with us. It will have died of old age and neglect. There will follow a period of trade wars. Some on both sides of the Atlantic are lusting for these. No one will benefit, least of all the United States, because it runs a substantial trade surplus with the European

Community: \$17 billion in 1991. After an interval, the one-world trading system, with its slow chipping away at trade barriers on the basis of mutual and balanced concessions,

will be found after all to he the best. Sometimes mankind finds it neces--sary to reinvent the wheel.

International Henald Tribune

**By Flora Lewis** bewildering crisis, and there is a broad consensus that nobody is do-ing anything useful about it. Perception and facts are contradio-

tory. In many ways France is flourishing, modernizing, keeping spick-andspan. It is not a great power any more, which leaders still contort themselves into outlandish postures to avoid admitting, but it has kept a respectable

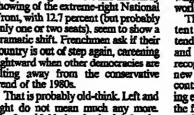
weight and an admired place in the world, in no way left behind. The one grave disorder is persistent high unemployment, which tends to keep growing in good times and bad. There has not been much recognition that this is part of the new industrial revolution, likely to continue for years, with as far-rea

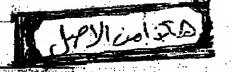
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ing effects on society and its habits as the first industrial revolution. There has not been a new Marx to wrap it up in a theory. But there will have to he a new definition of labor, of how to calculate its value, of the relation of the worker to his job and the role it plays in his life, of the rapport between man (which includes

women, of course) and machine, and what constitutes production. These are not questions the political system is at all prepared to address." but they are forcing themselves unac-knowledged on society. That leaves a feeling of impotence, of a chasm between real life and politics that gener-ates impatient disdain for the powers





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**OPINION** 

## Loose Threads on the Edges Of a Red-Carpet Conference

#### By William Safire

WASHINGTON - Now we know why President Bill Chnton resisted for two months the serious test of a formal news conference: The traditional format reveals his weaknesses.

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He and his staff are patting each other on the back for not having made a gaffe and for anticipating the likely questions. Here is a more astringent view of Mr. Clinton's first foray into communica-tions reality as another astringent and tions reality — answering sustained pro-fessional questioning from grown-ups. I. Ease up on the staging, Mr. Clin-ton adopted the Reagan Grand En-trance, the long reductive wells creat trance, the long red-carpet walk creat-ed by Michael Deaver to add royal ont of character for Mr. Chinton; news conferences are presidential business,

not state ceremony. And what's with the ferns? Spronting up around the lectern were a half-dozen

Asked in his first formal news conference about his broader difficulty with the Pentagon,' the president, obviously unprepared, looked as if he had been slapped with a wet fish.

potted plants, separating the speaker from the andience by presenting the president as a flowering fount of knowl-

edge. Al Gore's greenery influence is getting out of hand. 2. Cut the opening commercial. He began by reading (too fast and without feeling) a statement about supporting reform in Russia, then vitiated its effect with a long, dull pitch for his economic program. This mishmash was presum-ably intended to show a domestic president unconsumed by foreign affairs; in-stead, it showed him self-conscious about appearing to be.

Advice: Unless there is big news to . break, go directly to questions. 3. Focus on an unambiguous lead sto-

ry and stick to it. The president's purpose here was to show support for the embattled Boris Yeltsin. But by laying out America's "three interests ... with or without President Yeltsin in authority," he diluted that support. Later he started to speak strongly for

. the Russian leader, but veered off on the last word: "Boris Yeltsin is the elected president of Russia, and he has shown a great deal of courage in sticking up for democracy and civil liberties and market reforms, and I'm going to support that." Not him, but that.

Obviously, Henry Kissinger's ambi-

guities got to Mr. Clinton, who is letting himself be torn between avoiding a charge of "Who lost Yeltsin?" and a charge of "Who stayed too long with Yeltsin?" Advice: If his ann is to strengthen the Russian, Mr. Clinton should make that decision and stop fes-

tooning it with escape hatches. 4. Be prepared for the unwanted tough question. Mr. Clinton surely knew he would be asked about gays in the military, but when Andrea Mitchell of NBC - emerging as the most penetrating and fearless questioner in the White House press corps — asked about the broader "difficulty with the Pentagon," the president looked as if he had been slapped with a wet fish. He first fumbled by reaching for the

illness of the defense secretary as an excuse, then quickly said that Les As-pin was "either fully recovered now or on the verge of it." Either Mr. Aspin's absence is an excuse or it's not. Mr. Clinton ducked completely the repeated question about the Pentagon's failure to appoint a task force on gay rights, then erred in seeming to advo-cate noncombat limitations on homosexuals. I cannot believe this was

a prepared answer. 5. Take control of the East Room. These sessions are not occasions to look bemused at confusion and to marvel at "self-selection" by shouting reporters. Advice: Point with a straight finger and stop making journalists look foolish by begging for the favor of your attention. In his presidential news debut, Mr Clinter service and but

Mr. Clinton came across as relaxed but uncertain. Contrast his answer about the "forest summit" (confident and knowledgeable about the environment) with his responses on the Yeltsin summit (walking on eggs, worried about

Saying anything). Of course, foreign affairs is trickier, but confidence can be gained by think-ing through and rehearsing answers be-forehand. Even a refusal to speculate about "hypotheticals" can be presented crisply; Franklin Roosevelt neatly turned aside what he called "iffy questions." It takes practice.

Regular news conferences impose discipline on an administration, which must submit suggested answers to the White House beforehand; that forces decisions. The anticipated grilling also demands a president do his homework on every governmental subject. Mr. Clinton has been playing hooky

and it shows. The New York Times.

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

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#### **Giving Doubly to Russia**

My Western colleagues tell me that many U.S. and West European Sovieto-logists no longer risk giving their gov-ernments advice, or making predictions, about Russia because they are still how of the failure to former the news blamed for failing to foresee the peace-ful transition to democracy in the former Soviet Union.

If this is true, we should not be surprised with the strange temporizing poli-cy of many Western decision-makers on low to assist the reform cause in Russia. For them to insist on Russian instabil-

ity and "lack of investment guarantees" does not help; such temporization only worsens the problems. A sense of bitter disappointment is growing among Russian intellectuals. It is as if an experienced mountain climber

had urged a beginner to scale a mountain, then descried him at its base. No one seriously expected billions of dollars to pour in from the West, but assistance with meaningful projects to teach democracy and free enterprise would seem to be an important business not only for Russia bat for a stable, democracy and free enterprise

democratic world order. Most people in Russia back demo-cratic change and economic reform. But

quite a few would hamper it, and those who temporize in the West help them.

Millions of young people enter Rus-sia's social and political life each year. There are ways — some as simple as board games — to teach them democratic values, notions of democratic governance, and the achievements of European civilization. Once again, to temporize is to miss opportunities.

We can only hope that President Bill Clinton, encouraged by former Presi-dent Richard Nixon, can persuade the other Group of Seven countries to offer appreciable political and economic as-sistance. The recent stormy events in Russia confirm how important this is. And we would remind people of the wisdom of the old saying that he who gives quickly gives doubly. VLADIMIR LOMEIKO.

Ambassador of Russia to Unesco. Paris.

#### Where the Buck Stops

Richard Nixon tampered with evidence subpoenned by Congress and courts to cover up his crimes, and appointed a successor who pardoned him. Now Mr. Nixon is a foreign policy "el-der statesman," treated with respect by editorial writers and columnists, and by President Bill Clinton.

Ronald Reagan was the ultimate cow-boy hero and symbol of the American dream. Now Reaganism may turn out to **Recipe for Disaster** have been a sham. And Ronald ("Borby J. P. Mackley: row and Spend") Reagan would be the calorit for the enormous budget deficit. American voters chose Mr. Nixon twice and Mr. Reagan twice.

Presidents merely reflect the people's integrity, or lack thereof. When they lie, flow legality, promote greed or morgage the nation's future for short-term gain, they merely enact Americans' own choices. We Americans are responsible for the mess we are now in, and that is what is so difficult to face.

ALAN SHAPIRO. Frankfurt

**Their Actions Speak Louder** Than All Their C-Words

#### By Ellen Goodman

 $B^{OSTON-1}$  am just off the plane when the members of my welcoming and perhaps warning committee of-fer me a description of their hometown. "Well, first of all, our town is really conservative." The three greeters are like-minded women who are happy in their place and yet regard themselves as

#### **MEANWHILE**

exceptions to its political rule. They agree that conservatism is the rule. But by this morning, I have become attuned to such political proclamations. I have spent the past week in middle-sized cities in middle America. In Michi-gan, Indiana, Kentucky. At each stop, invariably, I have been

told the same thing: "This city is really conservative." It is uttered in a tone that is one part pride and two parts caption. I hear these words Monday from a woman who runs a shelter for battered women and their children. Once such a

United States can police the world, It annot. Nor should we Americans want I am writing to express how pleased 1 to. Almost without exception U.S. interam regarding your recent overall ap-proach to reporting the news. At a time when many journalists find it necessary vention in other parts of the world has resulted in disaster. Would intervention

here be an exception? CHARLES BUSSEY. History Department, Western Kentucky University. Bowling Green, Kentucky.

#### **Toward a Just Society**

What kind of economic model can best serve human and environmental needs? While many people in the West are still gloating over the defeat of com-munism, capitalism is also failing miscrably as an equitable and environmental-

billion people live in shantytowns, garbage dumps or on streets. The gap be-tween rich and poor continues to widen, In the United States, this system has reached the absurd, with athletes and Regarding "Into a Balkan Quagmire? Take A Closer Look" (Opinion, March 9) entertainers making outrageous salaries while so many people who really contribute to the country's future are gross-ly underpaid or have no work. Capitalism, as practiced today, is in-herently mequitable. It is an environ-Mr. Mackley writes that "one U.S.

markets. Perhaps the solution is to combine the best attributes of capitalism and socialism into a truly democratic,

DOUGLAS MATTERN. President, Association

shelter would have been suspect as a feminist plot to subvert the family. This night a good part of the town's establishment has come ont to support the shelter. But this is a conservative place.

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I hear them Tuesday from a woman whn runs a YWCA. Her community has come in full force this day to give awards to local women whose work would once have been considered radical. But this is

a conservative place. 1 hear them Wednesday from a man whose town is hosting a conference on families and children that does not innit itself to the old pro-family agenda. This too, he assures me, is a conservative place. As an outsider, in each town for only a day or two, 1 cannot dispute the expertise of these natives. There is more than

enough evidence in each place of people who value tradition, long for stability, and are uneasy with neighbors who shake the boat. As for social conservatism, one newspaper editor tells me about the hun-dreds of canceled subscriptions that came

after a Valentine's Day article on rela-tionships that included a gay couple. But I have heard this phrase — "this town is really conservative" — too of-ten in the past year, in too many places, in too many unexpected and even inappropriate circumstances. 1 have heard it uttered again and again by people who consider themselves exceptions. And now I wonder.

Words like "liberal" and "conservative" don't mean as much anymore. Is it hiberal or conservative to be appalled at the navy's Tailhook sex scandal, sick of vinlence in the movies and worried

about teenage mothers? Yet, people who are concerned about the women's movement often tell me that feminism is a suspect word in their town's vocabulary. Men whose lives and

marriages are changing will say they are unique in their neighborhoods. Could these local self-images lag be-hind reality? Could this time warp, in turn, undermine the people who see cives at a vulnerable cutting edge ther instead of in a mainstream?

In many places, it seems, we deal with change by not talking about it. As one or two or three "exceptions," we may never find strength in numbers.

In theory the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearings ended a long backlash against women. In theory Bill Clinton's election made change fashionable again.

But at times it still seems that many people whose politics went into the deep freezer in the 80s have trouble believing in a thaw. They move ahead with the speed and confidence of runners looking over their shoulders. They talk as fluent-ly as speakers worrying that they will stutter on an L-word.

So, in my travels through middlesized towns in middle America, people still believe their town is "really conservative." What I hear, however, may be a quiet, if not silent, majority for change, The Boston Globe Newspaper Company. on ind

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## to focus upon the negative or the sensa-tional to gain readers, 1 find it refreshing that the International Herald Tribune is contributing on the positive side. Specifically, the article by Tom Red-burn, "European Automakers Brake a Slide" (March 18) focused on the challenges facing the European auto indus-try and the opportunities that its man-agement has to because mure

competitive in the world. Your reporting not only benefits the industry's management and its shareholders but will benely safe economic system. The inequities are brutal. More than a KEITH KNUTSSON. Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

armored division and one mechanized infantry division backed by airpower could clean up Bosnia in 30 days," This recalls Kentucky's Henry Clay in 1812, mental disaster, dependent on mass con-sumption and constant expansion uf when, as a "War Hawk," he claimed that equitable and workable system.

of World Citizens. San Francisco.

## U.S. F-18 Gains on MiG for Malay Deal

**GENERAL NEWS** 

#### By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - Turmoil in Russia is helping to propel an advanced American fighter into contention with the Russian MiG-29 as Malaysia prepares to make a final choice on a new generation of combat aircraft.

The previously stated preference of the Malaysian government for the MiG-29 has been modified in the past few weeks as doubts increased about the reliability of Russia as a military supplier, Western analysts said

Wednesday. They said that the United States, concerned that a Russian defense deal with Malaysia would encourage other Asia-Pacific nations to turn to Moscow for cut-price arms, also made its offer more attractive by reducing the cost of the aircraft, guaranteeing early delivery and promising to supply a full-range of missiles and bombs.

The American fighter now being seriously considered by Malaysia - the D model of the F-18 manufactured by McDonnell Douglas Corp. - is one of the most sophisticated offered for export by the United States. So far, the aircraft has been sold only to Western nations and U.S. allies, including Canada, Australia, Spain, Kuwait, Switzerland and Finland.

Najib Razak, the Malaysian defense minister, said recently that the choice of plane was between the MiG-29 and the F-18. Regarding the stability of Russia as a long-term supplier, he said that "political risks" were part of Ma-laysia's "calculations."

Malaysian officials have indicated that the country needs up to 24 new planes to replace aging U.S.-made F-5E fighters.

Analysis said that a contract to supply two dozen F-18s to Malaysia would be worth about \$1.3 billion. It would be a welcome order for McDonnell Douglas, which needs to increase

exports to offset declining U.S. orders. Analysts said that Russia had offered to sell the MiG-29 to Malaysia at less than \$25 million each, with whatever conventional weapons were required and rapid delivery.

Western officials said that McDonnell Douglas was trying to persuade Malaysia that the F-18 was was better suited to Malaysian opera-tional requirements than the MiG-29, although it could not match the Russian offer on price. The officials said that the company, which is

getting strong backing from the U.S. govern-ment, believed it could win the Malaysian order by offering a package of measures to help develop the aerospace industry in Malaysia and modernize the country's armed forces.

Malaysian officials said that on a visit to Knala Lumpur last month, Vice President Alexander V. Rniskoi also offered to set up a maintenance and spare parts plant for the MiG-29 in Malaysia.

#### ment. He was put on three years' ASIAN probation. TOPICS

#### The Rising Son Flag Gets Official Status

A Japanese court has ruled that the rising sun banner is the official national flag. This was the first formal declaration since World War II that the familiar round red sun on a field of white is the national symbol. Commentators said the ruling reflects the declining influence of postwar isolationist attitudes as Japan moves toward a more active role

vants.

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in global affairs. Fur several years, Japan's Education Ministry has been promoting official status for the rising sun flag. In 1991, the agen-cy approved textbooks that called it the national flag. But the flag's legal status had not been confirmed before this week, T. R. Reid of The Washington

Post reports. The "Hinomaru" (Round Sun) flag and the national anthem, "Kimigayo" (Your Majesty's Reign) figure in daily life much more rarely than do the flags and anthems of most Western countries.

The court's ruling was made in a criminal case against a protester who burned the flag to demonstrate opposition to the govern-

Around Asia sole surviving son of the late Chi-nese Nationalist leader Chiang South Korean legislators and officials who belong to the gov-erning Democratic Liberal Party Kai-shek, said he planned to visit mainland China now that he has retired as secretary-general of Taiwan's National Security have disclosed their material worth at the request of the new president, Kim Young Sam, who Council. "Returning to the mainland is not a crime," he said, ran on an anti-corruption platsince he no longer holds a gov-ernment post. Ever since the first day I left the mainland, it form. Legislators' assets averaged \$3.1 million, and newspaper uffices said they were flooded with calls from ordinary has been my dream to return there." Chiang Kai-shek and his family fled to Taiwan at the end taxpayers expressing outrage at the wealth of their public serof the Chinese civil war in 1949.

Among the 161 governing par-Taiwan bans senior government ty members in parliament, Kim officials from traveling to China. Jim Jac reported the largest as-sets, \$35 million. President Kim Jananese tourists overseas

own lawmakers would disclose

General Chiang Wei-kuo, 76,

their assets next month.

wearing brand-name clothes and himself had earlier announced carrying expensive cameras, that his own assets amounted to have proved easy prey for mag-gers and kidnappers. Now a new store is offering protection for innocents abroad with hardware \$2.1 million. The lowest figure came from Park Kyung Soo, a farmer. Ha reported assets of \$81,000 and found himself someranging from stun guns and tear thing of a national hero. "Povergas to bullctproof jackets. Opened this month in Osaka, ty is pride," he said on national Griptone is the first store of its "The reported assets are only

kind in Japan, says its president, Katsuichiro Sato. One attentionthe tip of the iceberg," said Ha Seing Chang of the Chizen's Cogetting item is a remote control alition for Economic Justice. He device that can give a thief flee-ing with a stolen briefcase a 40,000-volt jolt, more than said the lawmakers may not have reported all their assets because it is still legal to use false names enough to make him drop it like a bot potato. The leather briefcase and its zapper cost 100,000

The main opposition Demo-cratic Party demanded that the yen (\$850). published figures be checked by the tax office and the public prosecutor. The party said its Arthur Higbee

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### **8 Villagers** Massacred in Cambodia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PHNOM PENH - Suspected Khmer Rouge gnerrillas massacred eight ethnic Vietnamese in central Cambodia, United Nations peacekeepers said Thursday.

It was the sixth known massacre of ethnic Vietnamese in Cambodia since the peacekeeping operation began a year ago. In the attacks, all attributed to the Khmer Rouge, a total of 80 people were killed.

The bodies of the most recent victims were found in a village in Kompong Chhnang Province, 90 kilometers northwest of Phnom Penh. All were shot at close range or killed with an ax or knife, said Dennis McNamara, head of the human-rights unit of the peacekeeping operation. At least three of the victims were children.

UN officials were investigating claims by local residents that Khmer Rouge guerrillas were the killers, said Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN peacekeeping mission. The targeting of ethnic Vietnamese is the most crucial humanrights concern facing peacekeepers, Mr. McNamara said.

Many Cambodians dislike ethnic Vietnamese because of centuries of territorial conflict and the Vietnamese invasion and military occupation of Cambodia from 1978 mfil 1989.

The Maoist-inspired Khmer Rouge killed many ethnic Vietnamese and, by some estimates, up to 2 million Cambodians during its rule (AP, AFP) in the 1970s.

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## Design Show: Home $\mathbb{R}$ Is Where Gadget Is From Lucy's Kitchen to the Jacuzzi

#### By Susan Keselenko Coll

ONDON — Money being oo ob-ject, how would you furnish and decorate your dream home? An indoor swimming pool with a Ja-cuzzi, perhaps? Or how about a regulation-

size bowling alley in the basement? Imagination in 1956 was a bit more modest in its residential aspiracons: When the BBC asked its female listeners what they wanted in their homes that year, the answers had mostly to do with top-loading dishwashers and Kenwood Chef mixmasters.

That dream kitchen, which might double as a set for an "I Love Lucy" episode with its square cooking pots, cheerful red-and-white square cooking pols, cheerful retrain retrained white checkered drapery, and archaic gas range, is currently on display at the Design Museum, where a retrospective marking 70 Ideal Home Exhibitions continues until mid-Au-

gust. The Ideal Home Exhibition, originally launched in 1908 hy the Daily Mail, has since become an important cultural, not to mention promotional, event for those Britmention promotional, event for mose stri-ons interested in viewing state-of-the art gadgetry as well as those who make the building and furnishing of homes their husi-ness. (The Daily Mail's current exhibition, not to be confused with the Design Muse-um's retrospective, continues until April 12 et Facily Court

at Earl's Court.) The Design Museum's retrospective offers a concise look at the history of the exhibitions, with archive material culled from the Daily Mail's records and from the Victoria and Albert Museum. Much of the exhibition consists of photographs, publicity material, and video footage.

A skit from a 1961 television comedy, for example, where the protagonist is trapped in an electronic-bedroom-gone-haywire at an

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Now "Pride and Prejudice" is being sequelized (sic). Emma Tennant told Renters that "Pemberley" is "about what it would be like to be married to Mr. Darcy." What we really need now is a sequel that combines books, maybe Vronsky clopes with Emma Bovary or the Artful Dodger emigrates and gets a job on a Mississippi tugboat, where he meets Huck Finn. To be continued.

Ideal Homes Exhibit, is meant to emphasize how much the event has become ingrained in

popular culture. Other amusing highlights include a 1956 prediction of "The House of the Future." Sponsored hy the plastics industry and de-signed by a team of avant-garde architects, the ultramodern house featured, not surpris-izable a liberal use of elastic as well as meth ingly, a liberal use of plastic, as well as such practical implements as a shower-cum-dryer with nozzles that dispensed either hot water or warm air, and a bathtub with a selfrinsing system that used foamless detergent. The premonitioo for bad taste in the clothing of the house of the future's occupants man aged to hit closer to the mark than some of its unrealized cootraptions.

NOTHER of the more entertaining displays includes a voyeuristic peak into the contents of one a sampling of how she prepares her favorite dishes and desserts. Several labor-saving dishes and desserts. Several labor-saving gadgets loaned by people who visited the shows over the years are accompanied by written praise; "It works very well," says the owner of a Whisk-Rite egg separator. Anoth-er enthusiast remarks that she has had great fun with her souvenir New Zealand Cheddar Puzzle,

Some of the gizmos, naturally, have enjoyed a longer shelf life than others. There's a melon-baller, a lint-remover, and a tool with which to erect coconut cookie pyramids. There's also a potato piping bag, a slicer with which to make crinkle cut chips, and a rounded, metal object that might be employed to either pit cherries or pull teeth -- museum visitors gathered around the display case could not agree on its intended use. An advertisement for the ideal oursery of

the 1960s might aid in exploring the psyche of any infants unfortunate enough to have benefited from such technological inspira-tion. One photograph portrays well-fed, be-nign looking bahy ourses hovering over in-fants of the 1930s. Ad copy explains that the nurse is a thing of the past --- the cootemporary baby can simply be placed in a temperature-controlled baby cot oot unsimilar in appearance to an iron lung, and fed from a food trolley that registers a child's vitamin oeeds and keeps his food at an even temperature.

Though technically separate exhibits, the museum's displays of household parapher-oalia merge both physically and thematically with the Ideal Homes Exhibit. The Hoover Company Profile, for example, provides enough anecdotal material for a Ph.D. thesis oo the history of the vacuum cleaner.



The latest in dry shavers: The Remington stand in 1951.

A copy of the 1936 Hoover songsheet offers such overlooked selections as "All the dirt, all the grit, Hoover gets it every bit," sung to the tune of the "Field Artillery March."

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There's a copy of a 1939 advertisement praising a husband who, before buying himself a better car, sees that his wife has a better cleaner. And there's a 1959 training notebook instructing a saleswoman on how to coovince people to buy a vacuum even if they think they can't afford one.

The retrospective offers a rich insight into

the social and commercial history of homemaking, and presents students of home design with some food for thought, as well. Was the pink plastic icing turntable a design flop, or was it simply a product ahead of its time? And how about that sleek Discovery Robot Vaccum cleaner by Hoover --- was it the inspiration for Sonic the Hedgehog, or vice versa?

Susan Keselenko Coll is a free-lance writer living in London.

## Cheap Books! You

By Roderick Conway Morris

OME — "They still don't really understand what we're about," said Marcello Baraghini of his fel-low publishers. "They're in a state of shock."

A tall, gaunt 50-year-old with a grizzled beard, Baraghini has been shaking Italian book publishing to its foundations with a new scries of books called "Millelire," which is what they cost - 1,000 lire (about 65 cents). what they cost — 1,000 me (about to beauty, less than a cup of coffee or a daily newspaper, "In 1991," said Baraghini, "I was about to close down because I believed it was no longer possible in Italy to publish good, origi-nal books at reasonable prices."

Baraghini was speaking in his tiny office-coun-home in the basement of an old-style Roman apartment block by a windswept traf-fic intersection on the banks of the Tiber. With a bed jammed up against his trestle-table and floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, there was just space to squeeze in to talk to this radical *enfant terrible*, who founded Stampa Alternative in 1971, to issue counterculture healther on terrible in the second stampa booklets on topics like growing your own manipuana, macrobiotic cooking, contracep-tion, abortion and children's rights. At that time deeply unpopular with the authorities, he eventually had to take to the hills, and spent three years working as a shepherd in Tuscany. Returning to publishing in the 1980s, he built up an impressive list of beauti-fully designed, but remarkably modestly priced books on art, illustration, calligraphy.

and jazz. To mark his imminent closure two years ago, Barabgini did a farewell booklet of photos of bizarre prototypes of cars, with accom-panying surreal interpretative texts, as a gift to booksellers. It provoked so much interest that Baraghini resolved to issue other titles in the same format — and charge a token 1,000 lire for them, "a symbolic, nonprice price, that broke every barrier of accessibility."

HE eccentric enterprise received an appropriately unpredictable boost from the runaway success of one title: "Letter on Happiness," a par-allel text version of a disquisition on the Good Life by the Greek philosopher Epicarus (341-270 B.C.) Last year 800,000 were sold, "And I'm printing 200,000 more," said Baraghini, "all already ordered. One book-shop alone, here in Rome, has asked for 5,000

copies." There are currently more than 50 "Mille-lire" titles, including works by Kerouac, Ste-venson, Stendbal, Villon, Seneca, Heracliths, Martial and Mishima (translated for the first time directly into Italian from Japanese, rath-er than via English), original fiction and trav-cl writing by new Italian authors, and practi-cal handbooks, such as a guide to Italy's proposed electoral reforms and a young peo-pie's European rail travel manual, Last year sales topped four million, and this year Baraghini hopes to increase the list to 100 titles. and sell 10 million books.

Nor has Baraghioi's zero-lire publicity budget prevented him from securing nation-wide advertisements. "Panorama," Italy's leading news weekly, took 700,000 copies of "Milleline's" electoral reform guide to give away free with the magazine, and provided a free full-page ad for Stampa Alternativa. And when a commercial publishing conglomerate announced a promotional campaign offering a 25 percent discount on all its far more outly books, Baraghini countered with a "spoling" event, where "Millelire" books were to be sold for 2,000 line — twice the normal price.

"Milleline's" founder draws no salary from the publishing company and makes a living from selling the books, often directly at openair markets, in discotheques, to lines outside concerts, in schools and universities. Around concerts, in schools and universities. Around 70 percent of buyers are young people, and going out to meet them, said Baraghini, "keeps your finger on the pulse, and makes you understand what they want." "At first I was sent packing by many book-sellers," said Baraghini cheerfully, "because they complained that the profit margin was

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## Juliet, Trash on Mt. Everest and Other Hot New Records

#### By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribung

ARIS --- Whenever I visited New York while he was still alive, I would have lunch with John Hammood. He was the Columbia Records producer and talent scout who discovcred Charlie Christian, Billie Holiday, Bob Dylan (who was called "Hammond's Folly" around the office before "Mr. Tambourine Man") and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Once, the enthusiastic septegeoarian discoverer shrugged his shoulders and said: "They tell me I just signed the next Bob Dylan. Some kid named Bruce Springsteen."

There was always a pile of audition tapes on his desk and that day he asked if I'd mind if he listened to a few of them before we went out. I imagined all the hopefuls waiting. He listened to each for a minute, maximum. He guessed what I was thinking. "You can tell after a minute," he said.

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Costello's wife Cait read a human interest story about a Verooese academic answering letters addressed to Juliet Capulet. The correspondence served as a point of departure for an intimate collaboration between Costello and the Brodskys. It's hard to divide the debits from the credits.

They wrote their own letters and music to go with them. The letters deal with love, jealousy, hate, fear and loneliness. Yon want to give them the benefit of the doubt, but this is one case where maybe a minute might have gotten them five stars for a good try.

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After listening twice, however, it was obvious that the execution did oot equal the premise.

You long to read the originals for an insight into what the French writer Boris Vian might have called "bizarroids." Maybe they're just people who write letters to tabloid editors. Or they simply want more out of life than "West Side Story."

The 20-song cycle leaves you with the worst of both possible worlds. It will appeal neither to classical fans in search of funk, nor pop fans looking for class. It might be defined as post-Eleanor Rigby Schubert, or deconstructionist Romeo.

MICHEL PETRUCCIANI, "Promenade With Duke" (Blue Note): Being a Corsican who can swing, Petrucciani was immediately accepted by musicians and critics alike when he moved to Brooklyn in the early '80s. He has oever had a problem with confidence, acceptance, virtuosity or commercial suc-

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cess. Seduced by the dollar, he signed a contract with Blue Note and sold many units, but not enough for him. "I'd like to make a gold record," he said. "Maybe it's dangerous - you know, compromise. But . . . Wow! Imagine. Gold."

From this solo album, it would appear that he has subsequently been seduced by Duke Ellington. Petrucciani has an original car, prodigious technique and you can't go wrong with the name Duke on your record. The temple is overdesigned. He might have used fewer rafters. This is not what E.F. Schumacher meant by "Appropriate Technology.

HARRY CONNICK JR., "Eleven" and "25" (Columbia): A doubleheader you wish had been rained out. Connick-the-pianist comes to the plate in the midst of a long string of big innings as a derivative crooner and tap-dance-to-drums populist entertain-CT.

On "Eleven," one fact is indisputable ---Connick's plano playing was pre-teen. The band's party-time-in-the-Big-Easy interpretation of the Bourbon Street tradition makes you wish you could hear Bunk Johnson at 11. This family-funded session should have romained in the family attic. Its release implies an annoying and premature assumption of his place in history.

By the age of 25, Connick's once delight-fully quirky Monk and Gamer-influenced piano stylings have become a pistol-packing equivalent of the loose-cannon Bobby Darin influence that brought him fame and for-tune. (Paraphrasing Brew Moore about Lester Young, any crooner who doesn't sing like Frank Sinatra is wrong.) His loose, careless approach to tradition ("Lazybones," "I'm an Old Cowhand") reminds me of the climbers who left detritus on the slopes of Mt. Everest

MILES DAVIS, "First Miles" (Savoy):

The friendly people at Savoy have issued the ultimate compilation, a Miles Davis record without Miles Davis on it. Half of it anyway. On tracks 9-16, recorded in 1945 when he was 20, Miles sounds as though he's leaking in from the next studio. He's hardly audible, and only plays unison riffs and short light-weight obbligatos. It could be anybody at all, they are of no interest whatsoever. These Rubberlegs Williams dates feature Herbie Fields on clarinet and tenor saxophone. Any Miles Davis record with Herbie Fields on it is not a Miles Davis record.

The first eight tracks were recorded two years later with Charlie Parker on tenor saxophone - 24 minutes, including incomplete alternate takes of alternate takes "wanna try it again, guys?"). To end on a positive note, you can never get enough of such wonderful stuff. Despite too many interrupted reject takes and his trademark carly clinkers, half a "First Miles" CD is better than no Miles at all.

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A scene from Idrissa Ouedraogo's "Samba Traoré," a study of guilt.

**Med Dog and Glory** Directed by John McNaughton. U.S. Robert De Niro exorcises all vestiges of "Cape Fear's" mad Max Cady with a performance that's cuter than pajamas with feet in "Mad Dog and Glory." It's an engaging yet morally du-bious comedy that is saved by the strength of its actors. De Niro is a bashfully rumpled detective, Mad Dog Dobie, who acquires guts and a whore named Glory (Uma Thurman) before the final credits roll. The

loan shark beholden to Dobie for saving his life during a convenience store holdup. It's the rapport between De Niro and Murray that saves "Mad Dog and Glory" from being something less than just another buddy movie. Their real-life friendship spills over into this ittery, very funny look at the male bonding experience.

(Rita Kempley, WP) Family Prayers

posture of a tin soldier. The source of the boy's anxiety is a family that is coming apart be-cause of the compulsive gambling of his father, Martin Jacobs (Joe Mantegna), Instead of going for hard-edged period m, the director, Scott Ro-ICE senfelt, has provided a gauzy, golden glow, which gives the film a nostalgic aura that doesn't jibe with the situation. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

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canght. Onedraogo is a prize-winning director from Burking Faso. His films - Yaaba and Tilai - have a sense of something universal, beyond the village life he depicts so well. He knows how to discover light and hint at tragedy. His actors are a mix of professional and village people. Bakary Sangaré has worked with Peter Brook; Mariam Kaba, who plays the village beanty, is a choreographer. They help make this sunnylooking story a haunting study

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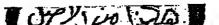
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Valencia; a photograph from "Karsh: American Legends" in New York; To May 9: "Le Musee du Louvre et le Nihon Keizar Shimbun." In commemoration of the bicentennial anniversa-ry of the Louvre, more than 95 mas-terpieces by 16th to 19th-century artists are on loan from the Louvre'e collection. youth in Germany between the two world wars. Otsu Otsu City Museum of History (tel: 75.21.21.00). To April 11: "Ukiyo-e Prints by Hokusal." More than 500 works, including portretits, land-scapes and depictions of wildlife. RUSSIA

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Edinburgh Scottish National Portrait Gallery (tel: 556,8921). To May 23; "Eu-gene Impey: A Passage Through In-dia." More than 30 photographs of Indian landscapes, monuments and potentates taken during the artist's travels there as a diplomat.

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1810-1817." Explores Cockerell's archaeological work in the context of Otioman Greece and the Levant. In-

cluding drawings, sketches, books, diaries and letters.

New York The Brooklyn Museum (tel: 638.50.00), To May 23; "Manet to Picasso: Prints and Drawings." Ap-proximately 35 rarely seen works on paper, created in France between 1870 and 1940. Among these are works by Manet, Degas, Renoir, Ce-zanne, Picasso and Matisse. The Corcoran Gailery of Art (tel: 638.3211). To April 18: "Karsh; American Legends," A retrospective including more than 65 black and

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so small there was no point in stocking the books. But then so many readers kept coming in and asking for this book or that, they gave in and took them — out of desperation." Ironically, "Millelire's" meteoric rise is now threatening Baraghini with financial ruin: "It's quite simple, the more we sell, the closer we come to bankruptcy. An average book makes a profit of about 100 lire — but we never had any capital, so everything we make at the moment goes straight to the bank in interest payments." And with print runs of 100,000 and more, Baraghini has been forced to borrow ever larger sums to pay the printers, while having to wait six months to see any return on bookstore sales.

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Despite his parlous position, he seems con-fident that the press will survive; "I need 200 million lire. I've already had several offers to help raise it. I'm considering, for example, selling the inside back cover as an advertising space to a suitable sponsor for a limited. period of one year."

His ultimate ambition, Baraghini declared, was to be the architect of his own extinction as e publisher. "My dream is that 'Millelire' should be taken over by the readers, who

would chose, edit, publish and sell the books themselves,"

"Then I can go off and do something completely different," he added, with a broad, disarmingly subversive smile.

> Roderick Conway Morris, based in Venice, writes for the Spectator and other publications.

Derby Derby Museum and Art Gallery (tel: 995.5692). March 27 To May 9: "British Scutpture from the Arts Council Collection." A generation of contemporary sculptors, including Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Cor-nelia Parker and Bill Woodrow. London

Mussum voor Fotographie (tel: 218.2211). March 26 To June 13: "Antwerp 93: A City in Photo-graphs." Images of the city by five European artists: Hans Aarsman,

Heinz Cibulka, John Davles, Andre Gelpka and Bernard Plossu.

Accademia Italiane delle Arti Appli-cante (tel: 225,3474). To April 25: "Sacred Space in the Modern Age." Photographs, models and drawings

20th century. Design Museum (tel; 403.6933), To Aug. 22: "Ideal Homes." A survey of public housing, suburban develop-ment and notions of modernity in the 20th century, Highlights include room reconstructions, furnishings, architectural models and films.

Art Gellery of Onterlo (tel: 977.04.14). To April 25: "Carlca-tures." A light-hearted exhibit which 29 new acquisitions of humorous, sa-trical and illustrative graphic art.

Rheinisches Landesmuseum (tel: 729.41). To April 25: "Hunden Jahre Photographie in Russiand von 1840-1940." One hundred years in Russia are illustrated through more than 390 portraits, landscapes and still lifes.

drawings and prints trace the devel-opments of the Czech artist'e career. Cologne Kölnisches Stedtmuseum (tel: 221.2352). To May 31: "Jugend Im NS-Steat." Official documents and DENMARK reports trace how the Nazi govern-ment controlled the development of Copenhagen

Ordupgeardsamlingen (tel: 31.64.11.83). To May 2: "Matsse: Chapel at Venice." Sketches, ma-quettes and paper cutouts for Ma-tisse'e final masterpiece.

#### GREECE

Athens National Gallery (tel: 723.5875). To april 11: "From El Greco to Ce-zanne." Three centuries of European art, featuring 70 paintings and draw-ings by more than 48 artists.

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### Jerusalem Beth Hatefutsoth, Museum of the Jewish Diaspora (tel: 646.20.20). To April 30: "Sephardi Itinerary, 1992." Photographs from Frederic Brenner's nine-month journey across the Balkans to the New World, via Europe and Africa, retracing the steps of the Sephardim in exile.

#### ITALY Bologna

Galleria Communale d'Arte Mo-derna Plazza Costituzione (tel: 502,859), To June 30: An overview of colonial Italian architecture be-tween 1870 and 1940, including more than 700 city planning projects and public works,

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1991 by the English artist.

The New York Philhermonic: The 150th anniversary tour, opening to-night In Berlin. The repertory includes Bright Sheng's "H'un (Lacerations) In Memoriam 1986-1976" written by the Shanghal-born composer In memory of the tragedy of the Cultural Revolution. Also, teaturing works by Barber, Brahms, Dvorak, Franck, Mozart and Strauss, Other dates: March 28-29, Paris; March 30, Vien-na; April 1, 3, 4, Madrid; April 8, Brussels; April 9-10, Budapest; April 12-13, London. Dicastero Musel e Cultura (tel: 20,72,09), To May 30: Francis Ba-con: 1909-1992." A retrospective of works produced between 1940 and 12-13, London.

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Louisiane Museum of Modern Art (1e: 42.19.07.19). To May 9: "At the Edge of Chaos: New Images of the World." A survey of developments in the field of architecture, the visual arts and colores arts and science. FRANCE

explore religious architecture in the 20th century.

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international makers, performers, pub-lishers and other aspects of music ranging from traditional artisanal work to the latest in automated acoustic materials.

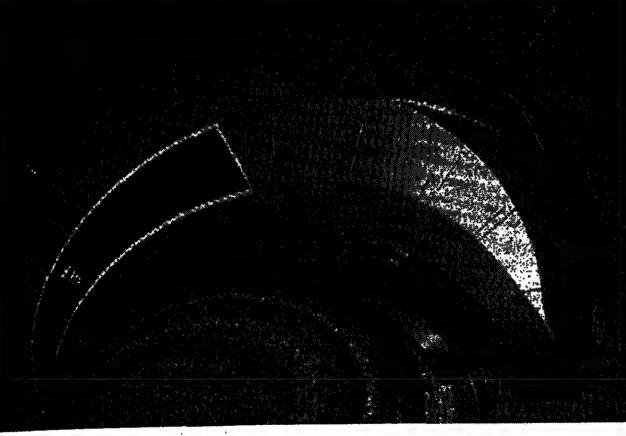
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From left: A photo from the "Hundert Jahre in Russland" exhibit in

Bonn; a painting from the "Avant-Garde in Czechoslovakia" show in

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Musée d'Orsay (tel: 42.84.18.34). To June 13: "Jean-Camille Formige: 1845-1925." Architectural drawings by the French designer who spent most of his career working for the city of Paris, designing parks, squares and fournains,



#### By Barry James

ARIS — Passengers planning to travel on France's high speed TGV trains in the near future should arm themselves with patience — not for the magnificent trains themselves, but for the computer reservations system recently intro-duced by SNCF, the state railway. A poster campaign at main-line stations claims that the system was introduced earlier this year as a convenience for passengers. But until SNCF gets the bugs worked out, this claim bears little correspondence with reality. The 2 billion franc (\$365 million) system, based on similar systems in the airline indus-

based on similar systems in the airline indus-try, is known as Socrate. Rail experts say the purpose in introducing it was to give SNCF a more effective marketing tool to sell more seats and maximize revenue.

Socrate, which seems a lot less smart than the philosopher after whom it is named, has had a rocky introduction. During a recent visit to the Montparnasse station, most posi-tions in the booking hall were unable to deal with simple matters like getting a ticket changed or refunded because they were not hooked up to the system. And at those posi-tions that were connected, staff had placed notices because furious researcher to

tions that were connected, staff had placed notices beseeching furious passengers to "show comprehension" over the long delays. SNCF officials acknowledge the teething troubles, but the company insists it is elimi-nating the bugs, and claims that Socrate will eventually make the traveler's life easier. SNCF has not, however, managed to con-vince all members of the public that Socrate is not a ruse to put up fares. The company denies this. Unfortunately, the system came on line at

he same time as an annual round of fare increases. This was inept public relations, be-cause now everyone blames the hike on So-

crate. Furthermore, many passengers have com-plained that their fares have gone up by considerably more than the rate of inflation. SNCF says fares went up by about three tered larger hikes on certain routes, some-times in excess of 10 percent. Meanwhile, passengers in northern France are afraid that fares will almost double once

the current express trains are replaced by TGVs later this year. Customers in western Prance have complained of hefty increases with the extension of the TGV service toward Bordeaux.

One problem is that passengers cannot easily find out what they are paying for. because the fares are no longer itemized. On the TGVs, the fare is a combination of the standard distance tariff (often longer when routed over the TGV lines) phys an obligatory and variable reservation fee, which gets more expensive at periods of high demand. Travel on certain trains requires payment of a supplement. All these elements have been humped

into a single price listed on the ticket. Although the sleek, 300 kilometer-an-hour TGV trains are the quickest and often the most comfortable means of traveling between city centers, passengers with time to spare may like to consider the slower but cheaper Corail expresses. One problem, however, is that these have become relatively infrequent to destinations served by the TGV.

If Socrate, which covers all TGV, main-line and international destinations, is fraught with problems, it is nothing next to the user-fiendly, extremely slow, self-service computerized tick-

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et machines that SNCF has just introduced on suburban lines in Paris.

The customer touches a computer screen to bring up menus containing various travel options. This sounds simple — in fact, for e computer programmer who likes playing with loops and menus, it is. But the system was utterly beyond the powers of comprehension of one elderly woman trying to buy a 6.50-franc ticket from Gare Montparnasse to Sevres recently, and there are many like her. Even for an experienced user fumbling

through the menus as other users fume impatiently behind, it can take a minute or more to buy a ticket compared with a few seconds with the old mechanical dispensers.

TILL, SNCF promises a bright fu-ture with the opening on May 23 of TGV service to Lille and the comple-Lyon and Nord stations in Paris.

The new northern network will link Lille and Charles de Gaulle airport near Paris in 50 minutes. With the opening of the channel tunnel next year, a high-speed link known as Eurostar will cover the 500 kilometers (310 miles) between Paris and London in three hours, 15 minutes --- and even less once Britain has built its section of high-speed track. An extension toward the Benelux countries and Germany will reduce travel time between Paris and Brussels to one hour, 25 minutes in 1996, compared with at least two hours, 30 minutes today. Finally, SNCF is linking its various TGV services around Paris, meaning that passengers will be able to travel all the way from Marseilles to Calais on the same train - at e variable price, of COUISE.

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The lira and government bond prices have come

under heavy pressure in recent days as markets anxiously await action from Rome on a range of

issues from a still-widening budget deficit to long-

promised, but still to be delivered, privatizations.

For instance, the giant state energy and chemi-cals holding company, Ente Nazionale Idrocar-buri, finds much of its leadership in jail just one

week before it is expected to say how it intends to

sell itself to private investors. The plan will most

likely involve ENI's prize subsidiaries, such as the

gasoline company Agip SpA and the gas company Snam SpA, being spin off and quoted separately.

Even when the government seeks to act, its recent defeat in parliament on moves to get the

scandal-hit construction industry moving again

underlines its vulnerability, analysts say. Bond prices tumbled this week, partly in re-

sponse to newspaper reports that Italy, which is committed by an EC loan agreement to restrict its budget deficit, was once again moving off target.

The Milan stock market, which had been one of

Europe's best performers, has stalled as investors

fear Italy's political crisis threatens delays not just

to privatizations but also to measures to boost

isiness on the bourse, such as pension funds. Interest-rate cuts, demanded by industry to help

it battle recession, could be postponed as the Bank

of Italy fears for the stability of the lira, which has

already been undermined by the political confusion.

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nations of four ministers in almost as many weeks,

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As the scandal over kickbacks from business to

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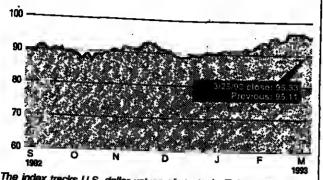
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### WALL STREET WATCH

**IBM Investors on Lookout** For a 'New-Chief Bounce'

Eastern Company Is No. 1 in Field

By Brandon Mitchener International Herald Tribute FRANKFURT -- Siemens AG said Wednesday that its boorning rail-technology division had sub-mitted a bid to take over Deutsche Wagenobau AG Waggonbau AG, the East German company that is the world's largest

producer of rolling stock. Wolfram Martinsen, chairman of Siemens Verkehrstechnik, one of the giant German electrical-engineering company's most profitable divisions, said at a news conference in Lisbon that Deutsche Waggonbau was actually "too big a bite" for one company alone and might be a more suitable bride for a consortium.

The company was built with huge orders from the Soviet Union in mind, and needs to sell around 600 rail cars a year to break even, several times the output of a typical Western competitor. Nevertheless, Siemens has begun

preliminary talks with the Trenhandanstait privatization agency on acquiring all or part of the com-pany, which is based in Berlin. GEC-Alsthom NV, the French-British company that makes the high-speed TGV train, is also understood to be interested in DWA, Mr. Martinsen said.

Deutsche Waggonbau employs some 9,000 workers and is reportedly turning a profit, on around 2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.2 billion) in annual sales, including streetcars, locomotive engines and other rolling stock. The successor states to the

Soviet Union remain a major cus-tomer, with around 1.1 billion DM in orders placed for 1993.

LONDON - Barciays PLC lost its finance director on Thursday, Siemens and Dentsche Waggonadding to internal turmoil at Britban already work closely together ain's largest bank, which has also in the production of streetcars, which the East German company begun a global search for a new chief executive. supplies to a Siemens subsidiary,

An acquisition of the East German company would nearly double Siemens's transport-technology sales, though the division has been growing quickly enough anyway. In the financial year ended Sept, 30, transportation-technology sales investment-banking subsidiary, will succeed Mr. Wood as group rose to more than 3 billion DM. from 2.7 billion DM the previous

finance director. One banking-industry analyst said that Mr. Wood's move was weat, Mr. Martinsen said. Order inflow jumped 24 percent in the year, to 5.2 billion DM, he said. Mr. Martinsen also said he "mildy negative" for Barclays, but added that it reflected the mounting

problems awaiting his successor. Barclays announced Wednesd a German cons

### "It is a question of getting to grips with risk-management proce-drives in the group," said Hugh Pye, an analyst at Robert Fleming. Mr. Buxton said earlier this year

**Finance Chief Quits Barclays** 

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would be tough.

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Standard Chartered PLC, a rival that he planned to split his dual bank, said the Barclays finance di-role, while analysts said he had rector, Peter Wood, was leaving to come under pressure from major oin it in the same capacity. Oliver shareholders to relinquish the chief Stocken, promoted from a Barclays executive's post after the bank announced a loss of £242 million (\$359 million) and a 28 percent cut in the annual dividend, to 15.15 pence per share. The dominant factor behind

what Mr. Buxton called "a very disappointing result" was a 45 percent increase in bad-debt provisions, to £2.55 billion.

debt among Britain's leading visioning," said David Poutney, an analyst at Collins Stewart, "The bank has about £9 billion in nonperforming loans and less than £3 billion of provisions against them, which is not enough."

problems, but his political star has now faded.

thorny those problems can be.

The events at ENI, whose leaders traditionally are close to Mr. Amato's Socialist Party, show how

ENI was told late last year by the government to

come up with a privatization plan, which will

probably be presented at a general meeting next Thursday. The conglomerate, with annual sales of 51 trillion lire (\$32 billion), is 100 percent owned

by the Italian Treasury. The issue of floating ENI sparked a power strug-

gle between the holding company and its subsidiar-ies. The company's managing director, Franco Ber-nabe, said he wanted ENI itself to be quoted,

arguing that other international energy groups were quoted at the parent-company level.

cally Raffaele Santoro at Agip SpA, which is involved in oil and gas exploration and produc-

tion, felt the subsidiaries should be made indepen-dent of the holding company.

Since then, however, the chairman of ENI, Ga-

briele Cagliari, and the presidents of several of its subsidiaries, including Agip's Mr. Santoro, have ended up in jail, caught in Italy's widening corrup-

Although the arrests left Mr. Bernabe running

ENI pretty much on his own, analysts believe the

corruption scandal has helped tip the balance

toward selling subsidiaries. With the bolding com-

pany and some of its subsidiaries tainted by scan-dal or making heavy losses, selling ENI as a whole

"It's easier and faster to sell the good assets instead of a holding company that has a lot of

rubbish, a lot of things people don't know about,

and things like Enimont that people don't want to touch," said Enrico Ponzone, analyst at Kleinwort

Benson in London. Enimont was the ill-fated

chemicals joint venture between ENI and Monte-

But the heads of several subsidiaries, most vo-

Mr. Poutney said that the new ment ministers in recent days, call-executive would have to take a ing on the central bank to raise fresh look at provisions and he did interest rates to 8 percent per month and saying that import subnot rule ont a new rights issue to provide the required capital. sidies should be cut.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

The bank's problems with bad debt are rooted in the late 1980s, when it tapped the proceeds of a The central bank's refinancing rate, the rate it charges commercial banks for funds, is currently 100 £921 million rights issue to expand percent a year. its property leading portfolio. The property and construction But even a monthly interest rate

of 8 percent would be below the sectors accounted for more than 40 inflation rate, which rose 25 perpercent of the 1992 charge,

## **Russia Adopts Emergency Plan To Buoy Yeltsin** prices rose 2,623 percent in 1992.

MOSCOW - The Russian government hastily adopted an emergency economic program on Thursday for the next few weeks. including a higher minimum wage and suspension of payments on foreign debt for six months. parliament

The move was made with an eye on the plebiscite that President Bo-ris N. Yeltsin plans to hold on April 25 in connection with his continuing struggle with the conservative-dominated parliament over control of Russia.

In a decree made public Wednesday, Mr. Yeltsin had instructed the government to submit a list of priority economic measures "within five days." Those adopted on Thursday include controls on currency exports, provision of financ-ing and equipment for farm use in the spring, and the extension of loans to military personnel wanting to become farmers, Russian news agencies said.

The increase in the minimum Friday in the Russian press. wage to 4,500 rubles (\$6.58) per month, from the current 2,250 rubles, would cost the government 300 billion rubles a month. The deputy premier in charge of economic reforms, Boris G. Fyodorov, acknowledged that this measure ran counter to the government's emphasis on budget austerity. The goal is to hold the budget deficit to percent of pross national product.

But in speaking of the higher minimum wage, Mr. Fyodorov said ern commercial banks had granted Russia another three-month rollthat "one must not torpedo the April 25 vote" by failing to make such a move, "as victory in the picbiscite will belp institute the re-forms." He added, "in such a highover through the end of June for debt service on loans granted to the former Soviet Union by about 600 Western banks. Officials close to the creditor complicated political situation. banks' advisory committee, chaired

the government has to display by Deutsche Bank AG, said the sixth such deferral of debt service The program also gave details of was agreed upon at a meeting held various ideas outlined by govern-ment ministers in recent days, call-Tuesday with Russian negotiators acting on behalf of the republics that made up the Soviet Union.

Among the various measures announced Thursday, the Russian government also presented new plans to compensate savers who lost out due to rapid inflation, including sharply higher interest rates at savings banks.

Russia will sell gold and precious metals worth 400 billion rubles to raise money to finance social procent in February alone. Consumer tection. (AFP, Reuters, AFX)

ide y's It was not clear how the government would persuade the central es-de, de, it ite. bank to meet its demands. The bank, led by the former Soviet State Bank bead, Viktor Gerasbchenko, reports to the Russian It was also not clear how credited vas ior 18, tors would react to the plans to freeze debt payments. Russia owes Western creditors more than \$80 billion and has virtually given up hope of getting back the \$150 bil-1 a lion loaned by what was the Soviet 고 Union to countries in the Third World and the former Soviet bloc. But creditor governments, grouped in the Club of Paris, were .ses the alimoving toward an extension of the moratorium to give Russian auэлg ..53 cit thorities some breathing space "Talks on Tuesday allow us to couclude that we have come close for to agreement," said Alexander Shokhin, Russia's chief debt nego-1 21 und tiator, according to the advance text of an interview due to appear ne-The Paris Club has been holding talks with Russia and Ukraine on a rescheduling deal for the debts of the former Soviet Union. Russia said it can only afford to pay \$3.5 billion this year. Credi-tors, who want \$5 billion, said interest payments alone total more than \$3.5 billion. Banking sources said that West-

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#### By Kurt Eichenwald New York Times Service

EW YORK -Buy, sell or hold? That's the question that has haunted investors in International Business Machines Corp. over the last several months as the company went through the arduous task of seeking a chief executive to take the place of John F. Akers.

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Now, with the selection of Louis V. Gerstner Jr., the chairman of RJR Nabisco, apparently likely to be announced at any time, uncertaintics about the stock should be decreasing. IBM shares had

a dismal day in trading Wednes-day, sinking \$3.125 to close at \$51.125 — just around book val-GM and AmEx are

ue - but most of that decline up 25 percent under came after more Wall Street analysts had downgraded IBM on new leaders. new fears of slumping sales and after another mainframe com-

puter company, Amdahl Corp., had said its orders were dropping. On Thursday, IBM fell a further 62.5 cents to close at \$50.50.

Still, given all that IBM has been through in recent months, now is not the time to panic. Recent history - specifically, that of American Express and General Motors, whose stocks have risen 25 percent since their new chiefs came aboard --- shows that investors have some tendency to grant a honeymoon period to new chief executives, figuring they will be more likely to put expensive sacred cows out to pasture.

Cows out to pasture. Of course IBM, as the world'a largest computer company, has singular and deeply etched problems that would challenge any new chief executive, such as the troubles in its mainframe operation. And any positive decisions would run against the thumbs-down coming from Wall Street analysts. (Then again, some of the people telling investors to get out at around \$50 a share are the same ones who said, months earlier, that IBM was a steal at twice the price.)

who said, months earlier, that then was a steal at twice the price.) "The entire analytical community certainly missed the problems with IBM," said Robert E. Torray, the president of a money-management firm in Baltimore that bears his name and who holds a stake in IBM. "The company is just too complicated. So probably as a group, the community is probably just as incapable of sceing it go forward."

so, with money managers saying the stock has already been so badly pummeled that the big losses may already have passed, and with new leadership in the wings, investors may have an answer to their troublesome question:

Buy. Then pray.

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that it was seeking a chief executive which Siemens is part, had about an 80 percent chance of getting the from outside the group to replace go-ahcad for a new high-speed, Andrew Buxton, who now holds high-stakes system in South Korea, the roles both of chairman and where Chancellor Helmut Kohl chief executive. Mr. Buxton will chief executive. Mr. Buxton will paid a visit last month. A decision retain the chairmanship. Analysts said the new chief exec-

on the contract, valued at 2.7 biltion DM, is to be made in the next few weeks.

It was by far the worst perfor mance of any of the major British banks for 1992 and was directly linked to lending decisions of the past, primarily to the property and construction sectors that have been battered by the recession.

utive's top priority would be to "The new chief executive will tackle the biggest portfolio of bad have to take radical action on pro-

## **Falling Pound Lifts Wellcome**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche. Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — The drug company Wellcome PLC on Thursday posted 59 percent higher first-half pretax earnings and raised its dividend, but its share price fell 8 percent. Earnings for the period ended Peb, 27 rose to £325 million (\$482.1 Pillion) from 5005 million (\$482.1 ed several analysts' forecasts. Zovirax, the anti-berpes drug

showed underlying growth of 17 percent with sales of £369 million. million), from £205 million a year while its AIDS drug Retrovir, or AZT, was up 14 percent at £131 earlier. North America accounts for 49 percent of the company's sales, so the pound's decline against the dollar over the latter part of 1992 was one of the keys to

the improved results. Sales from continuing operations rose 11 percent to £1.03 bil-lion, of which prescription medicines accounted for 87 percent, or

with expectations.

£890 million. But Wellcome's shares shumped after the company told analysts that its growth forecast for the year endfigures, having expected underly-ing sales growth of 20 percent. "In the over-the-counter market, ing Aug. 29, 1994, will be lower than expected, traders said. The stock lipped 71 pence in London trading to close at 820 pence a share. Trad ers explained that, while the growth forecast was a surprise on the downeffect.'

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first-half dividend of 4.8 pence a overcrowded," the chief executive share for the period ended Feb. 27, said. "The company can extend the life of its products through the Sales of its top products exceedover-the-counter market," he said. U.S. sales from continuing oper-ations were £467 million, an under-

lying growth rate of 9 percent ex-cluding the effect of exchange-rate movements. Europe accounted for 33 percent of sales at £333 million. Million. Wellcome's chief executive, John Robb, said be was pleased with the Robb, said be was pleased with the Robb, said be was pleased with the Robb said be was pleased with the Robb

operations in Japan were £83 mil-lion, up from £58 million. progress of other products and that pipeline drugs were promising. But Nigel Barnes, an analyst at "These are clearly not easy times,

Houre Govert, said he reduced his with countries such as Germany, forecast for Wellcome's full-year Italy, Spain and to a lesser extent pretax profit to £690 million from the U.K. taking extreme measures £710 million. He said the market against the pharmaceutical indus-was disappointed at the Zovirax try," Mr. Robb said. "It remains to be seen the extent to which health-

care reform in the U.S. impacts our industry." (Bloomberg, AFX)

Sandoz AG said 1992 earnings rose 34 percent to 1.49 billion Swiss francs (\$987.1 million), from 1.11

Vauxhall Profit Surges 69%

#### GM's British Unit Races Forward in a Flat Market

teamwork."

By Erik Ipsen International Rerald Tribune

LONDON - Vanxhall, the British carmaking arm of America's General Motors Corp., reported Thursday that rarest of things in heavy industry these days — good news. In annuncing his com-pany's 1992 results, Vauxhall's chairman, William Ebbert, described the period as "an exceptionally good year for the company."

Pretax profit spurted ahead by 69 percent over the previous year, to reach £224 million (\$332 million) in 1992. In a generally flat British car market, Vauxhall managed to increase its sales by 7 percent and in the process captured a record market share of 16.7 percent, largely on the strong performance of its new Astra model. Exports rose by 8 percent, and at 112,000 cars represented 37 percent of Vauxhall's total 1992 production.

Then came the had news. "That's not to say that all is well," noted Mr. Ebbert. Although he predict-ed growth of 7 percent in the British car market this year as the economy claws its way out of recession, that will be more than offset by a decline in Europe. There be predicted automakers will sell more than 1 million fewer cars this year, bringing sales to 12.3 million.

Vauxhall's two British plants have already gone to shorter work weeks to adjust to tighter market conditions. John Barber, director of manufacturing, stressed, however, that he did not foresee any redundancies "in the current environment,"

Company executives also had praise for the

British government's new-found commitment to bolstering manufacturing. "We have never be-lieved in the myth that the country's economic future could be left to the service industries," Mr. Ebbert said.

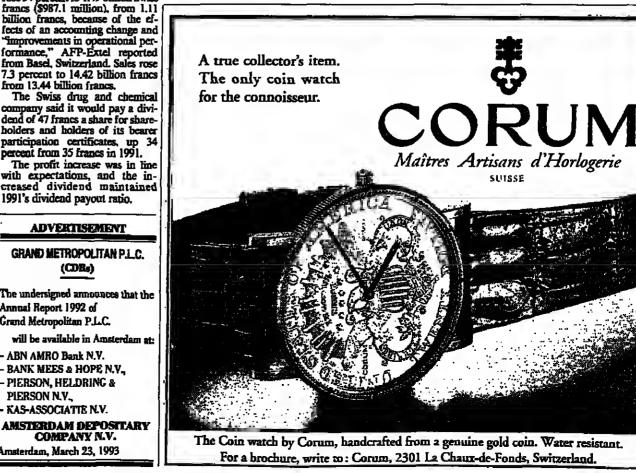
He went on to warn, though, that it will take more than kind words and a stated affection for industry to bolster its sagging fortunes. In spite of recent criticism from some of its European partners that Britain was effectively steeling jobs from the Continent with the bire of lower wages and fat subsidies, Vauxhall executives insisted that Whitehall was actually being outbid when it comes to offering grants.

Mr. Ebbert said that Germany was offering grants up to 15 percent of the value of any new investment, the maximum allowed under European Community rules. "Some less-developed European countries would be willing to offer up to 30 percent if Brussels would allow it," be said.

Vauxhall also reported Thursday that it had lost nearly £19 million last year on currencies. "The loss was the result of Black Wednesday," said Henry Klages, the company's finance director, referring to the day when Britain effectively devalned its carrency by withdrawing from the European exchange-rate mechanism.

"We had believed that sterling would remain in the ERM," he said.

He and other Vauxhall executives predicted that the slide in the value of sterling would result in GM buying more of its parts in Britain this year.



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### MARKET DIARY

## **Buy Programs Lift Dow** After a 3-Day Decline

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher NEW YORK — Stock prices ended higher on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday after a series of index-arbitrage buy pro-grams propped up blue chips. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had sunk 16.48 points

on Wednesday, was up 15.94 to 3,461.32.

#### N.Y. Stocks

Advancing common stocke topped decliners by 9 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange. Trad-ing was active, with about 252 mil-lion shares changing hands on the Big Board, compared with 274 mil-lion on Wednesday. Broad market indexes also

Broad market indexes slso gained. Standard & Poor's 500 In-dex climbed 2.81 to 450.88, while the Nasdaq Combined Composite Index advanced 6.65 to 681.01. The market was also reassured by

strong bidding at the Treasury's auction of \$11 billion in 5-year ootes, even though U.S. bonds post-ed mild losses throughout the day. U.S. economic data were mixed. The announcement that initial state unemployment claims fell 2,000 in the week ended Mar. 20, compared with a 15,000 decline a week earlier, had no effect on trading, analysts said. The political situation in Russia 3600

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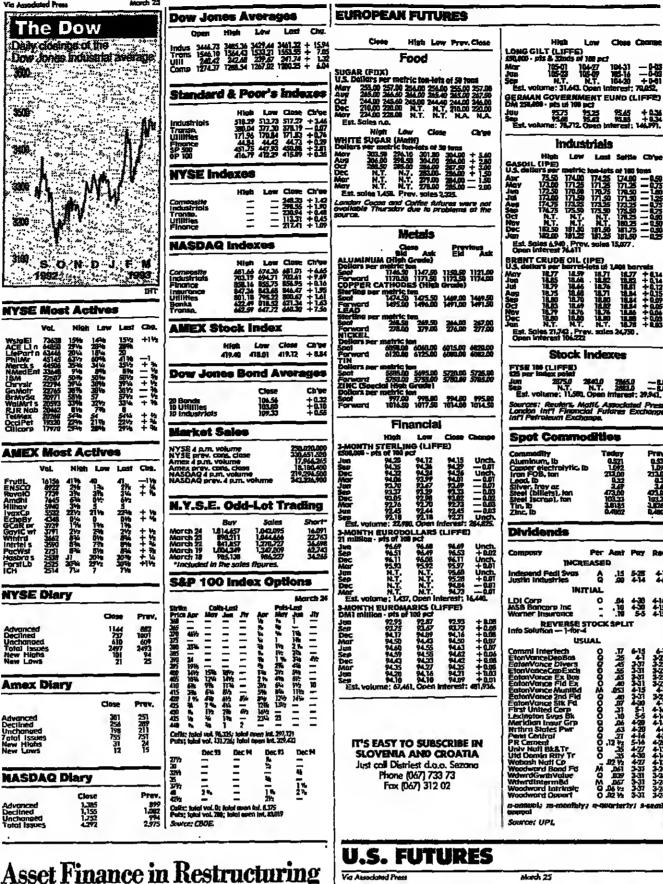
remained a background concern of the market, but traders seemed content to await news on Friday, when the supreme legislature meets in an emergency session. Drug stocks, which had been hit

by a sell-off on Wednesday, rebounded, helping to lift the market. "It's a combination" of gains in health-care stocks "and a feeling there's a reprieve in Moscow" from President Boris N. Yeltsin's battle with legislators, said Robert Sto-vall, president of Stovall/21st Ad-visers. "All those things are playing a role."

"Drug stocks are bouncing, and we're coming off an oversold market," said Anthony Dwyer, chief investment strategist at Sherwood Securities. Merck rose 1/4 to 351/2. The stock

rebounded from Wednesday, when it tumbled to a two-year low on the drug maker's projection for slowerthan-expected earnings growth. Westinghouse climbed 11/2 to 1512. The company and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries received a \$100-

millioo contract from San Diego Gas & Electric Co. FruttL ENSCO RayalO Amdhi Hilhav IvaxCa EchoBy Goart Goart Goart Goart Goart BacWst Hasbro s ForstLb ICH (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)



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#### Knight-Ridder

TORONTO - Confederation Life plans to reduce its stake in the Asset Finance Group to 22.5 percent from 65 percent, in a restructuring that will result in the creation of one of North America's larges equipment- and asset-financing companies, AFG announced Thursday,

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Comex Cool to Coffee Exchange Bid CHICAGO (Bloomberg) — The Commodity Exchange in New York is likely to reject a takeover bid from the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, a Comex governor said Thursday. The cash-strapped Comex, best-known for the metals futures contracts it lists, received a takeover bid from the Coffee Exchange on March 10. The Coffee Exchange's proposal said the takeover could take Comex at The Coffee Exchange's proposal said the takeover could save Comex at

least \$7 million annually. The Coffee Exchange's bid came on the heels of a bid from the Chicago Board of Trade, the world's largest futures exchange, announced Jan. 25. It also appears the New York Mercantile Exchange is in the running to

"As it reads right now, the Coffee, Sugar & Cocca Exchange's offer is not the best offer we have on the table," said Richard Jossen, a Comex board member.

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DETROIT (AP) — Chrysler Corp. Chairman Lee A. Iacocca received more than \$12.7 million in compensation from the rebounding automak-er in 1992, his final year as head of the company. The biggest part of Mr. Iacocca's compensation — 250,000 Chrysler common shares valued at nearly \$8.5 million — was part of the agreement between Mr. Iacocca and directors under which he continued to serve as between Mr. Iacooca and directors under which he continued to serve as

chairman after Dec. 31, 1991. Mr. Iacocca, who retired from Chrysler at the end of 1992, was paid \$885,000 in salary, a \$600,000 cash bonns and \$1,142,640 in long-term incentive payments from stock options he cashed in during 1992. The figures were contained in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing made Thursday.

### **Baxter to Face U.S. Criminal Charges**

CHICAGO (UPI) — Federal officials on Thursday accused the health-care giant Baxter International of violating the U.S. anti-boycott law. The U.S. attorney's office said a criminal information would be filed against the Deerfield, Illinois, health-care-products manufacturer. No further details were available immediately. The anti-boycott law bars Anigeican commanies force honoring housetts such as an Arab han on American companies from honoring boycotts such as an Arab ban on trading with Israel.

#### **Towers Financial Files for Protection**

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Five units of Towers Financial Corp., a bill-collection company headed by Steven Hoffenberg, have filed for Chapter 11 banknuptcy-law protection, Towers said Thursday. The units are Towers Healthcare Receivables Funding Corp., THRFC II, THRFC III, THRFC IV and THRFC V. They have about \$200 million in bonds outstanding, and have combined assets of \$105 million

II, THRFC III, THRFC IV and THRFC V. They have about \$200 million in bonds outstanding, and have combined assets of \$195 million and habilities of \$220 million, Mr. Hoffenberg said. He said the health-care funds were held by 18 large banks and insurance companies. Mr. Hoffenberg's bid to take over the New York Post was ended this month by a bankruptcy court judge, who installed the real-estate develop-er Abe Hinschfeld as the newspaper's owner. Towers Financial and Mr. Hoffenberg himself currently are facing securities-frand lawsuits filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and private investors over the \$200 million of bonds affected by Thursday's filing and an additional \$215 million of Towers notes. \$215 million of Towers notes.

#### Coke Closes in on Mexican Accord

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Fomento Economico Mexicano SA, the world's largest Coca-Cola franchise, is close to concluding talks than could give Coca-Cola Co. a significant minority stake in it, company officials said Thursday.

Fomento's chief executive, Othon Raiz Montenayor, in confirming the long-rumored talks with Coke, said the purpose of the association would be to expand soft-drink bottling and distribution opportunities in South America and the Caribbean.

Sources close to the talks have said Fomento wanted to sell 49 percent of its soft-drink division to Coke, which had no immediate comment.

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cy's late rebound Wednesday was a bullish sign. The dollar closed in New York at 1.643 Deutsche marks, up from 1.6377 DM Wednesday, stirring the feeling

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that perhaps the dollar has formed a firm base.

Analysts ooted that most of the dollar selling came from profes-sional speculators, while the buyers were corporations, funds and strategic buyers, suggesting they believe the dollar was poised for a short-term gain.

The U.S. currency also rose to 1.5235 Swiss francs from 1.5160 francs and to 5.5855 French francs. from 5.5725 francs. But it was down slightly to 117.350 yen, from 117.535.

The pound closed at \$1.475,

on three-day Treasury bills to 7.5 percent from 8.40 percent, but anaysts said the move was linked to last week's discount rate cut to 7.5 percent, and was oot significant. The T-bills are issued to the market when there is extra liquidity to ab-

sorb, but the Bundesbank has oot issued any recently. Traders remained uocertain about German interest-rate policy.

and remarks by a senior Bundes-bank official added to the doubts. Otmar Issing, a member of Bundesbank board, told a seminar in London that Germany would adopt a more cautious approach on further rate cuts. "We are never slaves to market expectations." he

said But in a separate speech, prepared for delivery at the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, he said that "by lowering the discount rate to 7.5 percent last week, the Bundes-bank has continued its process of reducing interest rates." In London, David Brown, chief

economist at Tokai Bank, said: "There is a battle royal between the medium-term dollar bulls and the

short-term dollar bears."

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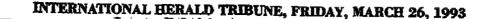
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## **BMW Expects a Drop in Sales** After a Record 1992, This Year Looks Tough

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Compiled by Our Staff Fram Dispatches MUNICH - BMW expects a Bernd Pischetsrieder, the newly "We have no desire to manufacdecline in car sales in 1993 after record deliveries in 1992, the com-. pany said in its annual report, re-leased Thursday.

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"BMW expects a decline in business in the first half of the new year," Bayerische Motoren Werke AG said in the report. "BMW is adjusting to a lower level of car deliveries in 1993 after rises during

the past several years." The company said that group sales in the first quarter had fallen 6.4 percent to 7.3 billion Dertsche marks (\$4.5 billion), according to

provisional figures, and warned that business was likely to decline in the first half as well. The company said that business in the first three months of the year

was marked by a "considerably "poorer" economic environment. its interim report.

Domestic sales in the first quar-ter fell 8.3 percent to 3.3 billion DM, while foreign sales dropped 4.8 percent to 4 hillion DM. Car 4.5 percent to 4 minor Dat Cas production in the first quarter fell 4.9 percent to 150,500 units from the same period of 1992, while motorcycle production fell 0.1 percent to 11,050 units.

Despite market pressures, the company has no intention to move down-market from its luxury lines

appointed chief executive who will

ture cars for everybody," he said. Mr. Pischetsrieder said he eztake the reins in May from Eberhard von Kuenheim, the managpected BMW to continue boosting its position in the market for higher-priced cars. "That's nor strength, and that's what we can do

Bertelsmann Lifts best," he said. He was a key player in the com-pany's decision to set no its first production site in the United Sales 7% in Half Renter

States. "It's our biggest market out-side Germany," he said. "And then, our performance in the U.S. GÜTERSLOH, Germany -Bertelsmann AG, the German media concern, said Thursday its sales will be a vital barometer for our had risen 6.9 percent during the first half of the 1992-93 business competitive success worldwide. Only if we can survive in the comyear and that group net profit petitive environment of the U.S. market will we be able to survive showed even faster growth. "We are very satisfied with the business development of the first half of the 1992-93 year," it said infuture battles for market share in Europe.

He said he expected the European car market to be hit by a mur-Group third-party sales in the six months to Dec. 31 climbed to 8.78 derous price and productivity war within the next five years.

In Wolfsburg, meanwhile, Volkswagen AG confirmed Wednesday that it had appointed José Manuel Gutterrez, a former billion Deutsche marks (\$5.39 billion), from 8.21 billion DM a year earlier. Bertelsmann said it expect-ed the situation for the rest of the business year to be positive, "Everything indicates that the General Motors Corp. executive, as a division manager. He will work closely with Jose Ignacio López de Arriortua, the production executive good development will continue and that we will be able to make a 15 percent payout on our profit-sharing certificates as usual."

appointed by VW last week. (Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Reuters)

## Hafnia Falls Below Solvency Minimum

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COPENHAGEN — Adding urgency to a planned takeover by its main domestic rival, Hafnia Holding of 1992 A/S said Thursday that its insurance business had fallen below the legal minimum solvency limit. Its problems compounded the already troubled situations of a number of interlinked European insurers. Hafma's suitor, Baltica Holding A/S, muddled the ontlook for

Groupe Victoire, a French insurer that is a major Baltica shareholder. Baltica Forsikring, the insurance subsidiary, said it had sold its 5 percent stake in Victoire at a loss of 579 million kroner (\$92 million) on Wednesday. Proceeds are to be used to invest in its "running operations," the company said, refusing to name the buyer.

Victoire was the subject of a tussle between Compagnie de Suez and Union des Assurances de Paris. In 1989, UAP helped finance the Suez purchase of Victoire and gained a 34 percent stake for its aid. UAP then sought to control Victoire's German subsidiary, Colonia Konzern AG, but was unable to agree on terms. Suez controls about 52.2 percent of Victoire, which owns 23 percent of Baltica, Baltica's stock lost 25.7 percent of its value on Thursday, falling to 57 kroner. Baltica Forsikring also announced, as expected, a 443 million

kroner loss for last year, reflecting securities and real estate writedowns and losses related to the hurricane designated Andrew. On Monday, Baltica offered to buy Hafma, a deal analysts said was orchestrated by Den Danske Bank. The leading Danish bank is a major shareholder in Baltica and a lender to both insurers.

On Thursday, Klaus Moe, a Hafnia spokesman, said the company had less than 4 percent of customers' paid-up premiums, breaching a regulatory minimum. He did not say how far below the limit Hafria was, but he said the situation underlined the need for a quick resolution of Hafnia's status, Hafnia owns 33.5 percent of Baltica Holding, and its equity is suffering as a result of that company's slide. Mr. Moe said a bid for Hafnia was to be made by Sun Alliance PLC's Codan Forsikring A/S, but nothing has been received. (AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

**Aerospatiale Had Loss** Of \$433 Million in '92

The result was mostly due to a net exceptional loss of slightly more than 1 billion francs, the company said. Sales rose to 52.3 billion



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ders (\$2.9 billion). "The two companies hardly have anything in common," said Peter-Paul de Vries of the shareholders' group. "Worse still, the legal measures to protect the construction will reduce the shareholders' influence to nothing." According to the group, large institutional shareholders have already pledged not to give their consent.

The intended transactino amounts to a friendly takeover of Bols by Wessanen.

The merger document states that the transaction will go abead if 90 percent of the shares in a proposed stock swap are submitted before the deadline of April 2. However, the shareholders' group calculated that the proportion of surrendered shares would range from only 50 percent to 90 percent.

Robert Schipper, the chairman of Bols, repeated that the merger could help the two companies double sales and triple net profit at the turn of the century.

But analysts and rebellious Bols shareholders remained uncanvinced. ferent," said Marloes de Weert, analyst at Pierson, Heldring & Pierson,

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• VNU NV, the Dutch publishing concern, said its net profit fell 58.9 percent, to 47.9 million guilders (\$26.2 million), in 1992. Sales edged up to 2.737 billion guilders, from 2.735 billion.

• British Coal will close two of the 21 mines whose future has been under review, place one mine in "development" and put a further six on care and maintenance, Trade and Industry Secretary Michael Heseltine said. · Ford of Britain white-collar workers staged a 24-hour strike to protest against threatened job losses; the action, involving about 4,000 people, coincided with the launch of the company's Mondeo car range.

• GBB SA said net profit fell 3 percent, to 3.25 billion Belgian francs (\$96.8 million) in the year to Jan. 31 from 3.363 billion the previous year. Sales rose 5 percent, to 228 billion francs.

· Holliday Chemical Holdings PLC, a specialty chemicals concern, is coming to the London stock market via a £79.4 million (\$117.5 million) public offer and placement of new shares.

"Their products are different and • Talip Computers NV swing to a net loss last year of 14.6 million their distribution channels are dif- guilders, saying the strong guilder and the devaluation of some EC currencies eroded margins. In 1991, Tulip earned 16.3 million guilders. AFX Revers Bloombers

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#### U.K. Firms Skirt Swissair Halves Dividend, Calling Tax on Dividends **Results at Airline 'Unsatisfactory'**

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had lifted 1992 group earnings 36 percent, but announced it would halve its dividend after

Analysts said the results, together with Swiscommunity transport markets, may step up the pressure on Swissair to cut costs by teaming up

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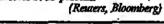
ZURICH - Swissair said Thursday that it

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LONDON - A number of British compames announced Thursday that they would bring forward the payment date of their final dividend this year in response to changes in the British budget that cut tax credits on such payments.

Among the companies announcing that they would pay dividends before the law changes on April 6 were Reed Internation-al PLC, which will pay a second interim dividend of 7.25 pence per share on April 5; Reuters PLC, which will pay 15.9 pence on April 5; and Boots Co., which will pay 8.8 pence on March 31,

Boots said its decision "reflects the directors' overriding objective to maximize the value of the company for the benefit of its shareholders." Under the new plan announced by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, earlier this month, the tax credit accompanying dividends will be reduced to 20 percent from the current level of 25 percent.



Swissair said 1992 group net profit rose to 113 million Swiss francs (\$74.68 million), from 83 million francs in 1991. But profit at the parent airline fell nearly in balf, to 20.8 million francs from 47.6 million. The company said it would halve its dividend, to 10 francs. Swissair said that while the airline recorded an "encouraging" 9.1 percent increase in traffic

volume, "revenue from the group's core airline operations remains unsatisfactory." Group revenue rose 4.7 percent to 6.4 billion ic Area.

francs. Apart from the core airline, the Swissair group also includes the Crossair regional airline and its two charter airlines Balair and CTA, plus various other holdings.

Mr. Bertrand said the dividend cut was a clear sign Swissair wanted to show just how precations its situation was.

"It shows Swissair believes the need to keep investors sweet is less important than making its situation clear," he said.

Recession in the airline industry has exposed Swissair's high labor costs to tough international competition, forcing it to cut costs, divest noncore businesses and look for partners. Swissair, Scandinavia's SAS, Austrian Air-

imes and KLM of the Netherlands have said they are working on a four-way link, and are

expected to announce detailed plans soon. Roland Leutenegger of Bank Julius Baer said Swissair's current difficulties in ensuring access to EC transport markets increased pressure on it to pursue an alliance with other airlines.

## Fokker Resorts to Layoffs as It Reduces Staff by 17%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches AMSTERDAM - Fokker NV said Thursday it would cut its work force by about 17 percent this year, mostly through compulsory layoffs, because of a continuing slump in sales of airliners,

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The Dutch aircraft maker said it would cut 2,118 jobs from its work force of about 12,500, and that 1,789 of those cuts would be made compulsorily through layoffs. Others

are expected to come from attrition, possible placement of staff with other companies and ending most employment of contract work-

The moves are expected to save 270 million guilders (\$147.3 million) a year, including 200 million guilders in wages and salaries, "We do not expect the aircraft market to recover until sometime in 1995," a Fokker spokesman said. For the same reason, the

company recently decided to cut production of its 100-seat Fokker 100 aircraft to 40 from 59, and to trim Fokker 50 output to 20 from

A cut in output had been seen by industry analysts as inevitable before a takeover of Fokker by Daimler-Benz AG of Germany could be completed. Final approval of that agreement is expected next week. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX)

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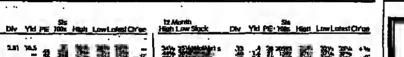
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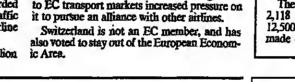
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#### AFP-Extel News PARIS - Aerospatiale, the French aerospace company, said Thursday it had a net loss of 2.38 billion francs (\$433 million) in 1992, compared with a profit of 213 million francs a year earlier.

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## Hyundai **Gets Libya Power Deal**

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL - Hyundai Engineer ing & Construction Co., a unit of the Hyundai Group, confirmed Thursday that it had won a \$1.6 billion order from Libya to build electric power plants.

A company spokesman said Hyundai had received a letter of intent from Libya's state-run electric power corporation to build four power generators on a turnkey basis in Sirte, some 415 kilometers (257 miles) east of Tripoli,

Hyundai said the four units would each have a capacity of 215,000 kilowatts. The power plant I burn natural gas and fuel oil. Hyundai is scheduled to complete the power project and turn the plant over to Libya in four-and-

a-half years, the company said. The company, which said it had won the contract over a rival bid by an Italian concern that it did not name, added that the value of the project amounted to 57 percent of all contracts Korean construction companies obtained abroad in 1992. It is the second-largest contract in Libya awarded to South Korean construction firms, after Dong-Ah Construction's current work on the \$8 billion Great Man-Made River Project. (Readers, AFP)

Korean Growth

Eases to 4.7%

Renters

of South Korea's gross nation-

al product dropped in 1992 to

a real 4.7 percent, sharply be-low the 8.4 percent rate posted

in 1991, according to provi-sional figures released Thurs-

The rate was the lowest in 12 years; in 1980, GNP con-

tracted 3.7 percent in real terms. GNP totaled \$294.5 bil-

lion last year, compared with \$281.7 billion in 1991. Per-

capita GNP was \$6,749, up

The bank said 1992 GNP growth was helped by a 9.7

percent rise in exports and a

3.4 percent recovery in agricul-tural, fisheries and livestock

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SEOUL - The growth rate

TOKYO -- International fund managers, long wary of Japanese stocks, are now increasing their holdings amid signs that a recovery from a three-year bear market is

under way, They cite low interest rates, which are expected to induce more investors to shift from fixed-income securities to stocks, and a gov-

enment committed to buoying the market. Thanks in part to the renewed confidence of foreign investors, Japan's beliwether Nik-kei 225 average has risen more than 12 per-cent over the last three weeks to hit its highest level in six months, including a gain of 1.7 percent on Thursday alone."

As the market continues to rise, bullish fund managers predicted that their more bearish colleagues would be flocking back Brokerages including Morgan Stanley and Shearson Lehman Brothers have recently rec-ommended that their clients increase the proportion of Japanese stocks in their global vestment portfolios.

Most fund managers "don't have any Japan, or they have a hitle Japan, and they're scared stiff" that they will get left out of a rally, said Christopher Day, investment director at Thornton Asset Management (Asia) Ltd. If fund managers missed a rally in Tokyo, they would run the risk of seeing their funds

grossiy underperform because of the huge size of the Japanese market. One widely used set of references for asset allocation is Mor-

most Japanese companies, Sega Enterprises, Japan's largest arcade

ular salary.

TOKYO -In a move that bucks most Japanese companies as part of

Enterprises, Japan's largest arcade larger than past spring bonuses, game producer, said Thursday it and comes amid an unprecedented would give its 3,000 employees an round of layoffs and losses at many

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additional spring bonus equivalent other Japanese companies. to a month and a half of their reg- Some of Japan's best-

gan Stanley's Capital International indexes. ranking companies — including Nissan Motor In the company's Pacific index, Japan is Co., Nomura Securities Co. and Japan Air weighted at about 85 percent based on mar-Lines — are projecting losses. Some coonoket capitalization.

Foreigners Fuel Bull Market in Tokyo

Still, with Japan's economy still mired in a slump, some might question the wisdom of pumping money into the stock market at this point. Japan's gross national product grew by a scant 1.5 percent in 1992, the slowest growth rate since the oil shock of 1974. Japanese companies will post their third consecutive year of earnings declines in the year to March 31, and a number of top-

Morgan Growing Keener on Japan

AFP-End News

TOKYO - Morgan Stanley Group Inc. says it has raised the weighting of Japanese equities in its recommended client portfolio to 22.6 percent, from 9.9 percent. "The message is that we've gone neutral," Morgan said, adding that the previous weight-ing reflected worsies that the Japanese market

was vulnerable. Japan accounts for about one-third of world equity capitalization. Morgan Stanley said that the rise in the ate but it recommended that clients reduce yen bond holdings.

Sega, Bucking a Trend, Will Pay a Spring Bonus

Lines - are projecting losses. Some cono-mists predict profits could fall again next year.

"It's hard to justify buying Japanese stocks on the basis of carnings growth for the next fiscal year," said Elizabeth Tran, managing director of Prudential Asia Fund Manage-ment. "Not in absolute terms or relative terms to the other markets in the region." Nevertheless, she was one of several fund managers who said they had been nudging up their weightings in the Japanese market.

Another fund manager in charge of mutual funds invested in all Asian markets said his company raised its weighting in Japan to 30 percent from 10 percent six weeks \$20, using excess cash.

Fund Research, a London-based fund investment information company, noted a small rise in Japan weightings among the Pacific funds its surveys. The company, which compiles data from about 3,500 unit trasts, investment trusts and offerbore funds unit trasts, investment trusts and

offshore funds, said the average weighting in Japanese stocks slid steadily from 26 percent in June 1992 to about 20 percent in Decem-ber. As of last week, the level had climbed back to 22 percent.

Falling interest rates in Japan are one of the biggest draws. "Japan's stock market is likely Nikkei 225 index was expected to be moder- to benefit from the same phenomenon we saw in the United States, the flow of funds out of the cash market and bonds," Ms. Tran said.

**Macao Lifts Profit** at Shun Tak

> Bloomberg Business News HONG KONG - Shun Tak Holdings, controlled by the Hong Kong-based casino tycoon Stanley Ho, said Thursday that net profit rose 18.5 percent last year, largely because of growth in investments in the Portuguese enclave of Macao. Shun Tak, which runs jetfoil operations between Hong Kong and Macao, hotels in Macao, shopping centers and restaurants, said its profit after tax and outside interests was 511.4 million Hong Kong dollars (\$65.5 million), up from 431.4 million dollars in 1991.

The company reported an ex-traordinary loss of 187.2 million dollars for its write-off of a controlling interest in Air Hong Kong Ltd., an air cargo carrier. But Captain Pran Parasha, who

was brought in to breathe life into Air Hong Kong in 1992, said that the write-off did not mean the air-

ine was closing. Mr. Ho said the group had moved closer to its goal of becoming a catalyst and beneficiary of the rapid economic growth in China. Shun Tak extended its property development and investment portfotio from Hong Kong and Macao to Guangdong Province and to the coastal city of Tianjin, he said.

The group plans to invest a mini-mum of 500 million dollars over the next two years in China and on other capital expenditures.

#### I Jardine Strategic Up

Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. said Thursday that its net profit rose 6 percent last year as interest charges and taxation decreased, and as the company benefited from resurgent economics in the Asia-Pacific region, Bloomberg Business News reported from London. Jardine Strategic carned \$321.2 million, up from \$302.7 million in 1991, while sales rose 2.9 percent.

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• Cathay International Investment (Shengii) Ltd., a unit of Hong Kong's Cathay Group, said it would sign a major power-station deal in China's Shandong Province next week.

• Toshiba Steel Tube Co. and Tama Kokan Kogyo Co., two Japanese steeltube makers, said they would merge in October. Industry sources said the merged company was expected to post annual sales of about 30 billion yen (\$258 million), with a 13 percent share in the domestic market.

. Nikko Kyodo Co. said it would make a bid to explore for oil in the Tarim Basin of western China; it would be the first Japanese company to officially announce plans to bid after China said last month it would allow foreign investment in the area.

. The World Bank president, Lewis Preston, is scheduled to make his first visit in this capacity to China next month.

• Nippon Steel Corp. said it would resume technological assistance to the South African steelmaker Iscor Ltd. beginning in April, in a three-year program estimated to be worth several hundred million yen.

. Nippon Denko Co. said it would shut down a ferrochrome plant in the Philippines in March, due to a sluggish global market.

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## Japan Land Prices Fall for 2d Year

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Some of Japan's best-known

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispetches TOKYO -- Japan's real-estate slump accelerated in 992 as land prices tumbled for the second consecutive ear, making this the most prolonged downturn in 22 1992 as land prices tumbled for the second consecutive year, making this the most prolonged downturn in 22 years, the National Land Agency said Thursday.

The agency said its annual survey found that average commercial land prices had dropped 11.4 percent last year, while residential land prices lost an average of 8.7 percent. In 1991, prices in the two categories fell 4 percent and 5.6 percent, respectively. It was the first time since 1970 that Japanese land prices had fallen in two consecutive years.

The agency said the decline quickened toward the

and the second 
end of the year, with commercial land prices in Tokyo

clined 19 percent in Tokyo and 24.2 percent in Osaka.

area where the average square meter (1.2 square yards) cost 8.5 million year (\$73,307). The Ginza shopping area in Tokyo remained the most expensive commer-cial district, at 34.5 million yen a square meter.

Industry said a network of six Foreign Access Zones 1st Head 1777/731991/72 Revenue 1825 8900 Protex Not 1826 26/00 Per Share 0,222 8,726 designed to promote imports and import-related businesses had won approval. (AFX, Bloomberg)

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The steelmaker NKK on March

10 became the latest Japanese com-

pany to announce a cost-cutting

package that includes slashing its

payroll. NKK said it would cnt 3,200 jobs by the end of 1995. Nis-san, NTT and Kyocara Corp. have

The highest residential land price was in a Tokyo

Separately, the Ministry of International Trade and

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average wage increase will be just ended Sept. 30. The company said 3.9 percent this year, down from on Jan. 18 that it expected its group 4.95 percent last year. Det profit to rise 24.73 percent to 58 billion in the year to March 31. Sales in the year to March 31 are expected to increase by 59 percent

and profits by 64 percent. Sega's success stems in part from losses at other companies. As Ja-pan's economy has slowed, atten-dance at large, expensive amuse-ment parks has slipped as families

have shifted their entertainment budget to less costly and more accessible indoor armsement ar-

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## SPORTS BASEBALL

## Who Is Spring Training Really For? (Hint: They're Pasty and Paunchy)

By Frank Ahrens

Vashington Post Service WEST PALM BEACH, Florida -"Hey, Hondo!" The fan leaning over the ballpark fence is shouting to New York Yankees coach Frank Howard. knows the

Howard, the former Washington Senators slugging outfielder, has just finished hitting infield grounders to an arc of young Yankee hopefuls. Seemingly startled by one of his old nicknames, Howard looks up. Yesssss!

The fan has achieved the critical first step: He's established eye contact with his target. Now he must reel in the hulk- you? ing hitting instructor with nonstop coaxing exhibiting both the patience and guy and pulls him close, burying the enthusiasm of a sport fisherman who's shirtless, vawping fan's shoulder in hooked a prize marlin.

"Hoodo! Over bere!" Howard squints, sees the fan's mid-'60s Nats hat directs. and appears to start flipping through his mental Rolodex — "Do I know this kid? unfamiliar room, Howard is pointed to-Was he some squirt at a Father-Son ward the camera. Once oriented, the Was he some squirt at a Father-Son Game?

"Jim, you dirty dog!" Howard yells to the fan, and begins lumbering over, his The motor drive whirs, then stops. The

Howard strides toward the fan. He knows the drill.

"I'm the Capital Punisher!" Unsolicited, Howard growls his other popular nickname. He knows the fan wants to hear it. He thrusts the fan a huge hand on the end of a bronzed forearm the size of a teenager's thigh.

"You were my first baseball hero," the fan says. "Could I take a picture with

shirtless, vawping fan's sboulder in Howard's left ampit.

"Over here, Frank," the fan's friend

Like an aging celebrity trotted into an happy-to-be-here smile hreaks across the upper body rolling faster than his legs two disengage. Howard walks toward the American League, which uses a d will allow. From the reaction of the fan's the clubhouse, and the fan exchanges a ignated hitter to bat for the pitcher.

It's biker time in Florida, which means

this: Wind-hlasted, brick-red, tattooed beer bellies straining out of black leather vests, hovering menacingly over the shovelhead gas tank of one Harley-Da-vidson after another, rumbling magnificently south on Interstate 95. There are plenty of men bikers too.

Where are they heading?

Maybe to Daytona Beach, to parade their muscular machines up and down the oceanfront Highway AIA in a proud display of hirsute horsepower and individual expression.

Or maybe here, to park their American-made bogs in the parking lot of the fans. yurt-shaped West Palm Beach Auditori- Eve um, walk across the parking lot to Municipal Stadium, buy a \$5 bleacher ticket and cheer on Jim Abbott, the Yankees' one-handed pitcher, as he fights to stay alive in the batter's box. Missing his right hand since birth, Abbott plays in the American League, which uses a des-

League, where the pitcher must hit. And, as it's the Expos' park, Abbott must hit. He's no automatic out; last spring, he hit a triple. This day, he struggles valuantly, bolding the bat with his left hand at the

to an awestruck towhead. bottom and steadying it with his right arm, which ends at the wrist. He slices off two good fouls before going down swinging. The crowd claps and cheers heartily anyway.

п Spring training is supposed to be for veteran players to prepare their skills for the upcoming season and for rookies to

try to make the team. This is not true. Spring training is for the hard-core

Even if you come to a major league ballpark two hours before a regular-season game, you'll never get this close. The

security guards, the fences, the entire invisible fourth wall between you and the players makes them unreachable. Not so bere. There's Mootreal's Dennis Martinez!

Π In West Palm Beach, life is extraordinarily pleasant. There's oo other word for it. The natives are clearly demarcat-

ed. Tanned, crect, loose-gaited, un-ashamed-of-their-bodies year-rounders contrast with the pasty, paunchy, selfconscious Easterners, who walk about still in something of a hunch, not quite unfolded into the warm Florida sun. Perhaps they are locked into the stoop caused by gathering their overcoats in a fist against their chests, shielding themserves against so many gray days of 40-

degree rain. Ah, yes, the ballgame. The Yankees beat the Expos, 2-0, in a stiffingly dull contest. But that's O.K. The real excitement was the between-inning contests. Folks were plocked from the sun-soaked crowd of about 4,000 to 1) play musical And Hall of Fame base stealer Lou

friend, this guy is neither Jim nor a dirty dog. But so what? Victory at any price — Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and Braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves prepare to play. Hondo is beaded this way! Get the cam-but the stands shape and braves play is the standshape and braves play is the stands shape and braves play ball down a rolled-out, 30-foot canvas clutch of waist-high autograph seekers: lane and try to knock down 10 pins in a "Pleeceze, Mr. Smoltz!" Here's a leftsort of cross between bowling and bocfielder, handing a foul ball over the fence

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The game had all the pleasure of a celebrity sighting and none of the pres-sure of a pennant race. After Expos starting pitcher Chris Nabholz threw three no-hit innings, he ran his laps on the outfield warning track while the

game was still being played. Behind the bleachers, reddened 15year-old boys, slathered with a recking mixture of taming oil and cologne, tried to blow out their rotator cuffs awkwardradar gun target, hoping to impress pass-ing girls with clockings in the 50 mph

> This is the fans' spring training.

chains near the third-base coach's box, 2)

pushed back on top of his head, talking to an ancient Expos fan, who's propped up on the fence. The fan wears the team's old hat, the one with the separate red, white and blue panels that make it look like a freshman beame.

The catcher's manner says he owns the place: He casually waves around a bronzed, rippling forearm, explaining parts of the ballpark to the rapt, nodding

The catcher's uniform number says the truth: He is No. 74, which means he likely is "meat," a catcher brought bere by heaving plastic baseball facsimiles at a radar gun target, hoping to impress passtraining ends, he'll head back to the minor leagues, with its all-day bus rides and \$500-per-week anonymity. Proba-bility insists that he'll oever make The Show

Later, the sum starts to cast long, late-iming shadows. Most of the stars have played their customary three innings and left. The dugouts are nearly empty. But down along the left-field fence, fan. But today, it doesn't matter. The fan is

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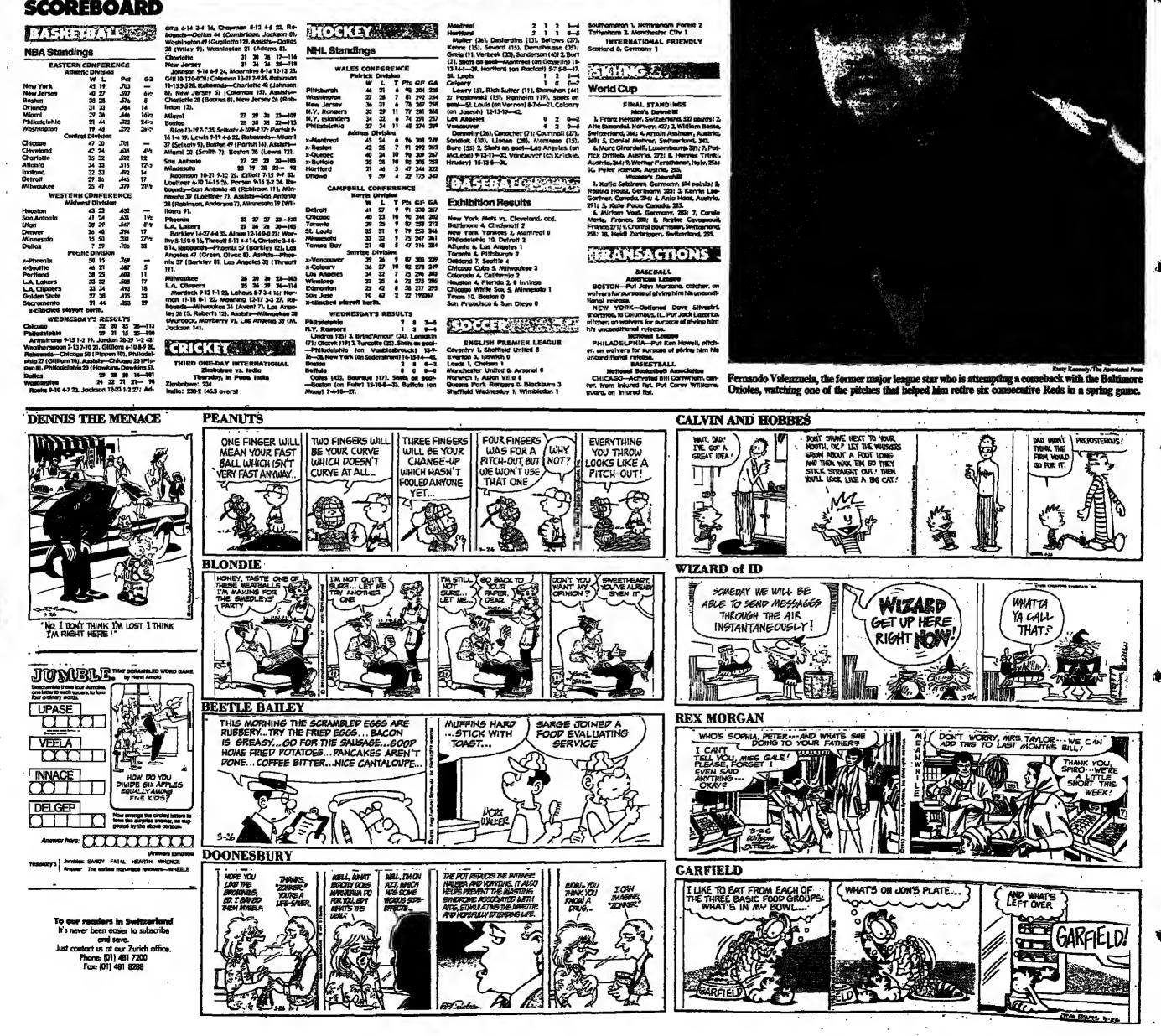
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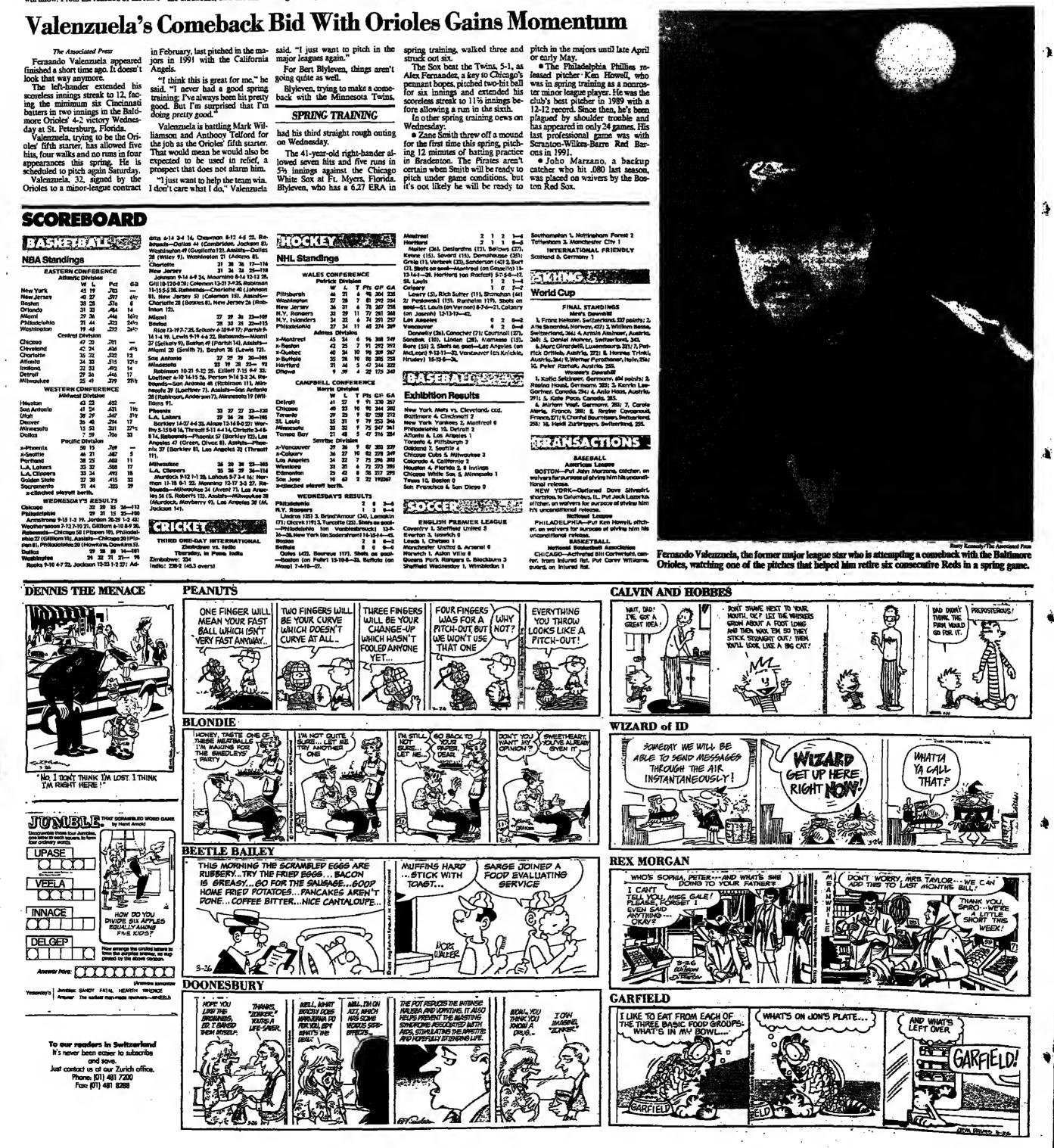
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look that way anymore. The left-hander extended his scoreless innings streak to 12, facing the minimum six Cincinnati batters in two innings in the Balomore Orioles' 4-2 victory Wednes-

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BOSTON -- Pittsburgh is long gone from the NCAA tournament. So are Seton Hall and St. John's. But Providence, left out of the big postseason event, is two victories away from the consolation prize - an NIT championship.

In an off-year in the Big East, the Filars and Georgetown, the only conference teams still playing, were both still alive in the NIT as of Wednesday night.

Providence stayed that way by outrebounding and outshooting Boston College, 73-58. Providence, 20-11 on the season, is 3-0 in the NIT and faces Minnesota in the semifinals

Monday night in New York. "The feeling is to go there and to finish up the job we've start-ed," said Dickey Simpkins, who led Providence with 23 points,

matching his career high. "We felt that we should have been in" the NCAAs. "Other people felt that, too."

The Friars finished in a fourway tie for fourth in the Big East with Boston College, Pittsburgh

and Connecticut. But they ended strong with seven wins in nine games before the NCAA selections were made. Pittsburgh was in. Providence was out.

Rice. On Wednesday, the Friars worked hard on the boards and capitalized on their size advantage for a 45-23 rebounding ad-vantage. Their 21 offensive re-

bounds were two more than the That's to be expected if you have four starters 6-foot-7 (2.02 meters) or taller, like Providence does, and your opponent has three starters 6-4 or shorter, like

Boston College. "Their strength, combined with our weakness, makes for a lopsided game," Eagles coach Jim O'Brien said. Providence "showed again

why everybody feels they got smbbed by not getting into the NCAA tourney," he said. Michael Sonth's 18 rebounds

the Tigers.

led Providence, and the 6-8 Simpkins added nine. Bill Curley, Boston College's 6-9 center, had just five rebounds and 12 points, four below his team lead-

The Eagles sank just 39.6 percent of their shots after making 59.7 percent in a 101-68 secondround win Monday night over

esota 75, Southern Cal 58: In Bloomington, Minnesota, a stingy defense and a rancous crowd of 15,393 got Minnesota past Southern Cal. The Gophers held Southern Cal to 32 percent shooting from the floor.

The Gophers, 20-10, have played all three of their NIT games before large, boisterous home crowds.

"What has stuck with me the most is the support the people of Minnesota has given the Go-phers," said the Southern Cal coach, George Raveling, "Even though I used to coach at Iowa, 1 was stunned with the attendance."

m 61. SV Missouri State 52: In another NIT game in Birmingham, Ala-bama, Robert Shannon led the Blazers, 20-13, with 18 points despite the lingering effects of the



Enc Miler/R San Antonio's J.R. Reid losing the ball in the Spans' 105-92 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

## **The Going Gets Easier for Phoenix**

In 24 hours, the Phoenix Suns went from the roughest night of the season to one of the easiest. Just ask Los Angeles Lakers

coach Randy Pfund. "We don't have the toughness night after night to beat any of the top teams in the league," Pfund said after the Suns deleated his team, 120-105, Wednesday night in Los Angeles. "We're much too soft,"

Charles Backley, who had 33 points and 12 rebounds for Phoenix, almost sounded embarrassed that he wasn't among the 21 players fined for their part in Tuesday night's brawl with the New York Knicks.

"I don't look at myself as a peacemaker," he said. "I look at myself as an intimidator. Intimidartant in this sport and I

can intimidate as well as anybody else in this league." The Suns were playing without

ed for two games for starting the NBA HICHLIGHTS

James Worthy and Sedale home, holding Charlotte scoreless Threatt led Los Angeles with 16 in the final 2:13.

Danny Ainge, ejected and fined **\$7,500** for the light, came off the beach with 27 points for Phoenix. and 14 rebounds for the Nets, play-ing without their leading scorer, Dra-zen Petrovic, out with a knee injury. Mavericks 101, Bullets 98: In Landover, Maryland, Dallas won for the second time in 33 road the Nets made two big defensive

scored nine of his season-high 27 First, Rumeal Robinson stripped points during a 14-2 third-quarter Larry Johnson of the ball with 13 spurt against Washington.

The Mavericks improved their overall record 7-59 with their third road — greatly improving their Coleman blocked Mnggsy Bogues's chances of avoiding the NBA's jump shot at the buzzer. worst record, 9-73 by Philadelphia Clippers 116, Backs 105: In Los

in 1972-73. Nets 118, Hornets 116: In East

would normally he certainties to progress beyond the first obstacle play singles for the Australians against Wheaton, and Wally Masur of the 1993 competition, having claimed the title twice each in the will play against Gilbert. In the doubles it will be the world cham-pions, Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge, against Grabb and But this time several of their eading men are missing. Such Reneberg. players as Andre Agassi, Pete Sam-Germany is trying to forget the pras. Jim Courier and Boris Becker quarrel between Becker and Mi-chael Stich as the Germans, led by have all decided they can do with-Stich, prepare to face Russia.

**Defections Mark** 

This trend could be particularly embarrassing for the top-seeded Stich threatened to boycott the team if Becker was selected, but the Americans, who were crowned Dathree-time Wonbledon champion vis Cup champions amid an outdeclined to force the issue. pouring of patriotic fervor in Fort Sweden plays Cuba in the 2,000seat stadium in Kalmar, near Ste-

fan Edberg's home town of Vastervik on the east coast. The match will he Edberg's first.

Australia has gone for the jugu

played there, and he is the solitary

member of the U.S. quartet with

Mark Woodforde, at a career-

best 21st in the world rankings, will

Davis Cup experience.

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competitive tennis in his home region since he embarked on his successful career 10 years ago. His teanmates will be Anders Jarryd, Henrik Holm and Nicklas Kulti.

Cuba is making its first appear-ance in the world group. Its top player, Mario Tabares, recently lost to Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden, the 29th-ranked player.

Austria, without clay specialist Thomas Muster, is a long-shot against fifth-seeded France in Vi-

Muster, ranked 15th in the world, has refused to play for Austria after a dispute with the president of the tennis association, Davis Cup captain Günther Bresnik and his former teammates Horst Skoff and Alex Antonitsch,

The match will be France's first under its new captain, Georges Goven, who took over when Yannick Noah resigned after France's quar-ter-final loss to Switzerland last vear.

Italian coach Adriano Panatta has still to decide who will be his second singles player along with Omar Camporese in the first round tie against Brazil in Modena.

The choice should be Diego Nargiso after Paulo Cane suffered a muscle strain in training on Tues-

Last year's finalists Switzerland must cope with the Calcutta humidity if they want to defeat India. Other world group contests pit Spain against the Netherlands in Barcelona and Denmark against the Czech Republic in Aarhus,

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brawl by ramming into the Knicks' Doc Rivers. The Lakers, despite being in solid position to get in the playoffs

again, continue to struggle, They set a franchise record, including their years in Minneapolis, with their fifth straight loss at bome. The Suns are 4-0 against the Lak-ers this season, including two vic-

tones at the Forum, where the Sons previously lost 17 straight. 5 68

Rutherford, New Jersey, the Nets won for the sixth straight time at

After Sam Bowie's 20-footer with 30 seconds left broke a 116-116 tie, games this season as Jim Jackson plays to preserve the victory.

seconds to play. Then, after Rafael Addison missed a pair of free throws with six seconds remaining victory in five games -- two on the to give the Homets another chance,

Cippers 116, Bucks 105: In Los Angeles, the Clippers handed Milwankce its fourth consecutive road loss behind 27 points from Danny Manning and 22 by Ken Norman. Eric Murdock scored 20 points for the Bucks, who have dropped

## over the regional barier? "Everything just felt right," Brown said. Indeed, to get to the round of 16, LSU needed double overtime for one victory and a last-second shot off

Brown appreciates GW's position. "It's hard being second fiddle to somebody," he said, referring to Georgetown and Maryland. "That's how it was for me when I was at Utah State for five years. Utah and BYU got all the attention. It was hard to recruit. Justice is served, sort of." Still safe for LSU, Brown said, is the distinction of being the only double-figure seed to beat the first-, second- and third-ranked team in its region.

The best George Washington can do is best topseeded Michigan Friday and third-seeded Vanderbilt Sonday.

"You can feel a team on a roll," Brown said.

when you have a chance to bring people together."

The other half of the long-shot scenario would be for Vanderbilt to lose its game Friday in Scattle. That would put two Atlantic 10 teams, George Washington and seventh-seeded Temple, in the region final. Of the 16 teams left, only the Colonials are lower than a No. 7 seed.

Brown's advice to Mike Jarvis, the George Washington coach: "Don't get into the vanity of thinking you're a miracle worker. Relax. Keep everything low key. And the kids will catch on." It was Brown who provided some incentive for sinth-seeded California before its upset of Duke last week. After LSU lost to Cal in the first round, Brown-

said the Bears "don't have a prayer" against Duke. On Wednesday, Brown said: "Nothing is opened by mistake more than the mouth."

#### **George Washington Wants To** By Ken Denlinger ington Post Service WASHINGTON - What the George Washington University basketball team wants, Louisians

State has — the distinction of being the lowest-seeded team ever to reach the National Collegiate

Athletic Association tournament's Final Four.

LSU Coach Dale Brown does not mind telling GW

"The best thing to do is really enjoy the run," Brown said. "Have fun. Enjoy the moment. Realize the number of people who haven't made it this far." LSU in 1986 was an 11th seed that won its first.

tournament game, over Purdne, in double over-

time. It then beat third-seeded Memphis State, on a last-second shot; second-seeded Georgia Tech

and top-seeded Kentucky to win its region. In the

national semifinals, the Tigers lost to eventual

George Washington, 12th-seeded in the West regional, beat slightly favored New Marico in Tuc-son, Arizona. The Colonials followed that with a

blowout victory over 13th-seeded Southern to ad-

vance to the regional semifinals Friday in Seattle.

If history holds, that's where the dream will stop for George Washington, against heavily favored and top-secded Michigan.

Last season 12th-seeded New Mexico State lost

in the round of 16. In 1991, 12th-seeded Eastern

Michigan lost in the round of 16. In 1990, 12th-

seeded Ball State lost in the round of 16. In 1988,

13th-seeded Richmond lost in the round of 16. In

1986, 14th-seeded Cleveland State lost in the

So how did Brown's LSU team manage to leap .

how to go about trying to pull it off.

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\_\_\_\_High Winds Wipe Out World Cup Downhills

Compiled by One Staff From Dispatcher ARE, Sweden — Marc Girar-delli and Anita Wachter were the "Yes, it was frustrating but you get used to that," Seizinger said. The downhills were to have been

In a situation reminiscent of the weather-battered World Champi-onships last month in Japan, the final downhills for men and women of the Alpine skiing World Cup season were enceled Thursday be-cause of high winds on the Olympia course in this Swedish resort.

After two morning delays, the or-ganizers finally gave up attempts to hold the races in the early afternoon.

The cancellation had no effect on the final downhill standings, but it strengthened Girardelli's bid for a record fifth overall title and Wachter's hold on the women's overall lead.

Franz Heinzer of Switzerland had already clinched his third straight men's downhall title, while Katja Scizinger of Germany had been assured of retaining the women's title for a second year.

But Seizinger had been hoping to vault over Wachter with a victory in her favorite event. A victory is worth 100 points and the German could have erased Wachter's 50-point overall lead. The Austrian has 1,166 points to Seizinger's 1,116.

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winners on a wind-swept day Thursday without having to race. Finals, which feature the top 15 men's and women's competitors in the four disciplines, plus the winners of some minor continental cups. The

or some muor commental cups. The competition ends Sunday. With the super-G, the giant sla-lom and the slalom left in the fin-als, Scizinger still has a shot at the overall title. But Wachter's weakest event is the downhill and the her event is the downhill, and she has scored more points than the Ger-man in all other disciplines. was

Thursday's cancellation also made the job of Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodi much harder. Aamodt is trying to wrest the overall title from Girardelli, who holds a

236-point lead. The Austrian-born Girardelli, who competes for Luxembourg, has 1,303 points to Aamodt's 1,067. Aamodt could still lock up the super giant slalom title on Friday. He has a 50-point lead over fellow

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#### **Disobedience Stretches Tyson's Term**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson has been placed in disciplinary segregation until Monday and ordered by a prison board to spend at least 30 extra days in prison for allegedly disobeying an officer over personal phone calls, officials said Thursday.

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He has a 50-point lead over readow Norwegian Jan Einar Thorsen. Aamodt also trails Girardelli by only two points in the giant slatom, which is scheduled for Saturday. Meanwhile, the French slatom skier Patrice Bianchi was being air-lifted home for surgery Thursday after breaking his leg in a fall dur-ing practice. (AP, UPI)**Gants 'HOSTELLE' NIOVES to Kalders** LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Hostetler, who quarterbacked the New York Giants to victory in the 1991 Super Bowl, has signed as an unrestricted free agent with the Los Angeles Raiders. The 31-year-old Hostetler, who replaced the injured Phil Simms and led the Giants to the 1990 NFL title, was passed over by the Giants in favor of the 37-year-old Simms in contract negotiations. Hostetler's agreement Wednesday with the Raiders reportedly will pay him \$8 million for three years.

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The former heavyweight champion has until April 3 to appeal Wednes- /'s prison board decision, which would make his release date May 9, 56. A jury convicted Tyson Feb. 10, 1992, of raping a Miss Black herica contestant. He is appealing the conviction. Riddick Bowe, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing deration heavyweight champion, will defend his titles against Jesse rguson in Washington, D.C., on May 22. (Reuters)	REAL I MARKE	<sup>nd</sup> ESTAT TPLA
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CLERMONT, Florida (AP) — Bob Ojeda, the only survivor of a ating accident that killed two of his fellow Cleveland Indians pitchers, the hospital Thursday, his head heavily wrapped in bandages, and	PERSONALS	ANNOUN
s driven away to join his family. A spokeswoman said Ojeda, whose lacerations were cleaned and ched in his two days at the hospital, was "doing fine." His teammates, Steve Olin and Tim Crews, probably never saw the pier craft smashed into as it sped across a darkened lake Monday night, estigators said. An autopsy on Crews, 31, revealed he had not tried to n his head or duck before the impact. Foxicologists received blood samples on Olin and Crews, which they exceed to analyze Thursday, Dr. Gabi Mayer told The Orlando	MAY THE SACINED HEART OF JEXIS be adored, glorified, lowed and pre- served throughout the workl, now & forous, Soint Jude, worker of nerodes, pray for us. Soint Jude, helper of the hopeles, pray for us. Say the prayer wine times a day, by the ninh day your prayer will be carswared, it has never been known to foll. Publication must be promised, LINE MAY THE SACINED HEART OF JEXIS be addred, glorified, lowed and pre-	AMERICAN OF PRACTICAL INTL BUS AND
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Kim Basinger's No-Show Costs Her \$8.9 Million

Actress Kim Basinger must pay \$8.9 million for refusing to act in the movie "Boxing Helena," a Los

Angeles court has ruled. Basinger had argued that she was not legally

bound to star in the movie, but the

promise to do so. The verdict was a

relief to Carl Mazzocone, president

of Main Line Pictures, who mort-

gaged his house to raise money for the film, which finally started Sher-

ilyn Fenn. "Today I was vindicat-

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tranged wife of Britain's Prince An-

drew, has apologized to the British

public. Last year pictures of her cavorting topless with an American

friend in France were splashed

across newspapers. The duchess told the Sun newspaper in an inter-

view published Thursday: "We all

make mistakes and we learn from

them. And that's it. That's what is

all about. I've messed up my life." She added: "I'm sorry."

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guy who broke into Queen Eliza-beth's bedroom at Buckingham Palace in 1982 for a chat? At the

time, reports said the queen spoke with him for 10 to 30 minutes be-

fore she was able to summon help,

But now Fagan reveals it wasn't a friendly chat after all. She spoke

Remember Michael Fagan, the

The Duchess of York, the es-

ed," he said.

producers say she had made an oral

### **OBSERVER** Some Like 'em Cold

By Russell Baker NEW YORK - "Unforgiven," for which Clint Eastwood is apparently destined to be honored in the Academy Awards excesses next week, is the coldest movie I've seen since "Eskimo."

The supreme artist of the cold movie is Ingmar Bergman. He even titled one of his movies "Winter Light," Imagine Bergman pitching that one in Hollywood. What would any normal movie

bankroller immediately see? Liv Ullmann not steaming, Liv Ull-mann not scantily clad, Liv Ull-The next coldest was "Pale Rid-" er," a 1985 Eastwood oater about an mann's cleavage not oozing beads avenging gunman raised from the of perspiration down by the alligagrave by a little girl's prayers, unless tor-infested swamp, but - Ingmar, misunderstood the symbolism. The dominant color in both

Eastwood movies was ice blue. mann in chilblains . . . While the sun occasionally came Liv Ullmann, iocidentally, out in both, it was the gray, dead sun of a North Atlantic January. though a regular Bergman star, was not in "Winter Light," but the A friend in the movie business curse of the cold-weather movie master seemed to follow her. When says maybe both shows were filmed way up in Canada, which might her chance came to make a botaccount for the frigid colors. It beweather flick set in France with comes harder every year to find Charles Bronson, it was titled outdoor locations in the United

"Cold Sweat." States suitable for shooting movies Hollywood did oot make "Winter Light." It made "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Both, like Clint Eastwood's two cold westerns, Skies filled with jet trails and spent a lot of footage fretting about horizons cluttered with power lines and TV dishes spoil the atmosphere death io vaguely philosophical ways that don't work in movies. if you are trying to make an audi-

> Comedy is probably the only form in which movies can effective-ly muse philosophically, especially about subjects as vulnerable to easy sentimentality as death.

Bergman is best not when he is whining about the death of God, but when he sets Death loose on the countryside telling people their time is up. Confronting a customer who says he still has too many tasks unfinished to die just now, Death says, "That's what they all say."

this beloved old theme.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, for in-

stance, dispenses death on the grand

scale, but always in a climate so

warm that he can perform his lethal

duty practically, and sometimes to-tally, naked. Come to think of it, it

might be a refreshing spectacle to

see Schwarzenegger peeled down to his pees on Clint Eastwood's arctic

prairie, just to see if his goose pim-ples match the size of his biceps.

New York Times Service

Death comes close to being Hollywood's favorite subject, of course. As you might expect of an industry whose favorite weather coodition is heat, it has never had to rely oo cold movies to deal with

pretty sure, though, that whoever first said "I've got a script titled The Long, Hot Summer" had to move fast to avoid being buried

The instant you hear that title yon envision everything that makes Hollywood movies irresistible: steam coming off an alligator-infested swamp, steam coming off beautiful and scantily clad actors. steam coming off the truculent old villain inside his white suit . . .

## Filming East Germany: Children's Story

By Ann Brocklehurst

BERLIN - The filmmaker Winfried Junge began chronicling the lives of the children of the East German village of Golzow in August 1961, just days after the building of the Berlin Wall. Since then he has followed them with his camera to their first day at school, to their weddings and workplaces, and to West Germany when the Berlin Wall was breached. The story of the children and their lives has turned out to be the story of East Germany. hunge's latest film, "Drehbuch: Die Zeiten" ("Screenplay: The Times") which premiered at the recent Berlin film

festival, is the first since the collapse of communism. It is also the most depressing of the 10-film series as far as the spirits of its subjects are concerned. Of the 26 five-year-old children who featured in Junge's

1961 film, he is still keeping track of half of them. And the evolution of the Golzowers from vivacious children into ordinary working adults into joyless citizens of a newly united Germany is often painful to watch. The political changes of the last few years have not gone

over well in Golzow. And although Junge says his subjects were initially happy about being able to travel freely and speak their minds, none of that has proved compensation for the loss of security in their lives. "They are nervous, disoriented, frustrated," said Junge. "It's true that there are other pictures of East Germans today. But this picture is also an accurate one and this is the story I have to tell of Golzow.'

In perhaps the movie's most compelling scene, the normally unforthcoming housepainter Jurgen is shown in his garden where he has always grown tomatoes to earn cash on the side. He half screams and half weeps in frustration that the tomatoes are now worth oothing since cheaper produce from the Netherlands is flooding the market.

This is not the way life was supposed to be for the Golzow children. The film series was intended to be an optimistic one about the advantages of growing up in a socialist country. The village of Golzow, near Germany's Polish border, was chosen because it was an area destroyed by the war in which the benefits of socialistic postwar rebuilding were clearly visible.

"As I began, I was young. The GDR was young. We were building another Germany, a socialist Germany. The idea was something that most of us accepted and I did too," said Junge who made his directorial debut with the first Golzow film at age 26.

But during the years of filming, the constraints of working and living under communism became even clearer. For the 20th anniversary of the German Democratic Republic in 1969, Junge was expected to come up with a story about loyal young party workers. Although the Golzow teenagers didn't fit the image, Junge did his creative best. "Today that film is ridiculous. But if we hadn't done it, the chronicle would have ended there."

Junge was aware that he was working in a climate of censorship and that there were limits to what he and his subjects could say, "What we made public was always on the borderline," he said. "Other material was filmed for the archives." The director promised participants that controversial film would not be used immediately but perhaps in 10 or 15 years if society opened up. The latest movie shows some of that film footage and just how tame a lot of it really is serves to underline how easy it was to displease the censorship officials of the GDR.

None of the Golzow children grew up to be dissidents and of the two that were politically active, it was as good project appears to have better commercial prospects. The



Winfried Junge with the class of five-year-olds in East Germany that he began tracking in 1961, and with his wife Barbara in their studio today.

socialists. Gudrun, 37, once the mayor of a small village, found berself no longer wanted or needed after what the Germans call the *Wende* or hurning point. When asked how she is received in town these days she is disarmingly frank. She believes that she accomplished certain things and says most villagers are not hostile to her although there are a few who cut her dead for her cooperation with the Communist

state For Junge, who as a result of the changes in Germany. lost his job as a documentarist at the state's film production center, "Drehbuch: Die Zeiten" is also an attempt to reconcile present and past. The 4-1/2 hour film is billed not only as the story of the children from Gobow but also the tale of DEFA, the East German film studios where Junge spent his career. He and his wife Barbara, the editor of the latest film and archivist on the project since 1978, still work out of the old DEFA offices but they are now almost the on or the ord DEFA ornees out they are now almost the only people in a deserted building. The Junges, who are preparing their next movie on a rented editing machine, are oow employed by an independent film production company in West Berlin. And the funding for "Drehbuch" and their oext project comes from federal and local government

grants. Because some of the earlier Golzow films had been shown on television in West Germany, Switzerland, Austria and France to critical acclaim, it was relatively easy to find sponsors eager to know what has become of the Golzowers since the collapse of communism. Critics were, however, oot convinced that the latest

installment's justaposition of the filmmaker's and DEFA's story with those of the children was a successful innovation. The length of the film also makes it a difficult prospect for both cinemas and television, but Junge's next Golzow



filmmaker is putting together separate portraits of the Golzowers, each about 90 minutes in length and making extensive use of archival film. The Junges have almost completed the first film about Jürgen, the failed gardener, and further grants depend on its success.

While the original goal of the Golzow project was to film. the children until the year 2000, one year after what was to have been the 50th buthday of the socialist GDR. Junge says he always worked from one film to the next trying not to think too far ahead. By coincidence, 2000 is also the year in which the director turns 65 and reaches retirement age. His subjects, however, will be only 45, which leaves the stion of their futures - both offscreen and on --- up in

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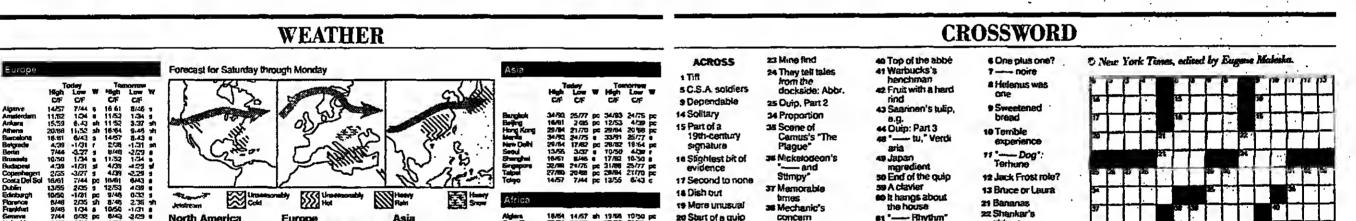
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just two words, he says: "Get out. That was it. I was dumbstruck, to be honest. I was thinking what to 517. D John Gristann, the Mississippi novelist, says he has sent an auto-graphed copy of his latest orga-nized crime novel, "The Client," to mob boss John Gotti, who is serv-

ing a life sentence in federal prison, Grisham said Gotti is a big fan and that the two correspond. 

Eleven years after her death, Princess Grace of Monaco is being honored with commemorative postal stamps by the United States and Monaco. The U.S. stamp identifies her as Grace Kelly; the Monaco stamp as Princess Grace.

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tion is to shoot in Canada's relatively unscarred terrain. On the other hand, maybe Clint

Eastwood simply wanted to make a couple of cold-looking movies. Both, after all, are about death, or "the big chill," to use the popular yuppie cuphemism. If he deliberately chose to make

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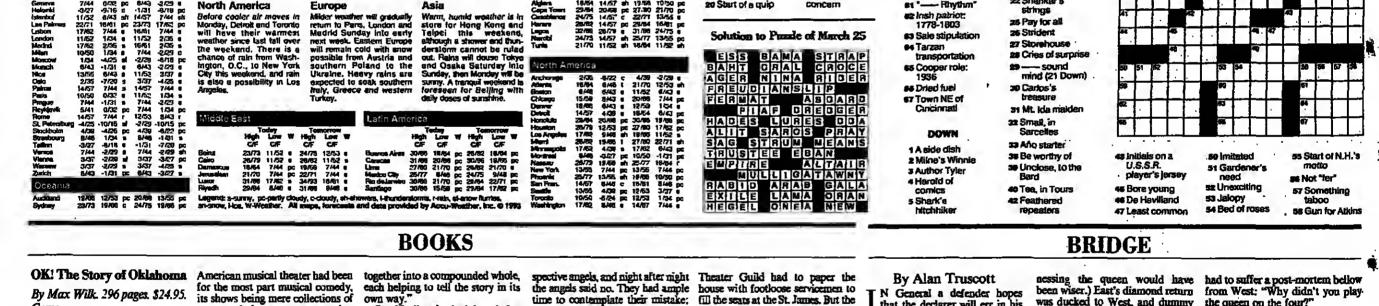
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Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

THE first collaborative effort by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein 2d, a musical drama called "Oklahoma!," opened at the St. James Theatre in New York 50 years ago this month. The show moved so quickly into a secure and central place in American popular mythology, and has occupied that place for so many years, that we have long since forgotten how daring and revolutionary it was; Max Wilk's account of its origins is therefore a useful corrective, if not an

especially good book. which the dramatic action, music Until "Oklahoma!" came along and possibly ballet could be welded

By Max Wilk. 296 pages. \$24.95. Grove

by thin plots devoid of characterplay by Lynn Riggs, "Green Grow the Lilacs," a melodrama of the ization or, in many instances, sense, Though "Pal Joey." the last major Oklahoma farm country. She got show that Rodgers wrote with his Rodgers together with Hammerfirst (and best) collaborator, Lostein; the rest, as we would say if the renz Hart, had a coherent plot and story of "Oklahoma!" were itself a a worldly book, it was very much an exception to the rule.

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Broadway show, was history. But it was history of a considera-By the time "Pal Joey" complete bly more complex sort than is often ed its first run in 1941 Rodgers and to he found on the commercial Hart were to all intents and pur-poses finished. Just as Rodgers was stage. From the start, as Wilk ex-plains in considerable detail, the beginning to cast about for a new project encountered little except partner, Theresa Helburn of the skepticism and opposition; it hung at the brink of insolvency at virtu-Theatre Guild was "groping my way toward a new type of play with ally every step toward opening music, not musical comedy, not opcretta in the old sense, but a form in Hardly anybody wanted to invest

in the show. Night after night the authors played their songs for pro-

Specifically, she had in mind a

fill the sears at the St. James. But the by the time the show closed in May audience went wild, and the Ameri-1948, it had earned \$2.5 million for can theater was changed forever. every \$1,000 invested.

When the show played in New even now, debatable. However wonderful "Oklahoma!" itself may be, it Haven and Boston it was called "Away We Go!," which is what ushered in an era of rank sentimenmany wished it would do. It was tality and it set Rodgers and Hamlong and disjointed; many theater-goers were puzzled hy the dances merstein on a downward path that hit bottom with the treacty "Sound that had been choreographed by the of Music"; taking the comedy out of relatively unknown Agnes de Mille. Not until it reached New York did it musical comedy was not, on the whole, a very good thing. But the virtues of "Oldahoma!" become "Oklahoma!" and not until then was the title song rearranged are enduring and underlable, and Wilk pays them due respects. He from unison to harmony, in the pro-

cess creating "a screenwriter's tells a story that is still, a half-centudream, a climactic moment that would have thrilled any audience." ry after it took place, an important part of American theatrical legend. On opening night, March 31, it was anowing. Combine bad weather Jonathan Yardley is on the

with public indifference, and the The Washington Post.

I N General a defender hopes that the declarer will err in his play of the hand. But he may, in rare situations, end up regretting Whether for the better remains, the error: if it opens up the oppor-tunity for a brilliant defensive stroke, and it is missed, the other defender may start screaming in

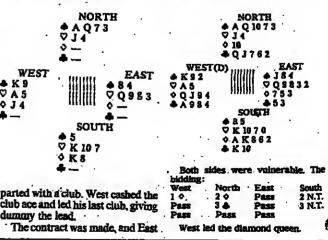
the post-mortem. Consider the diagramed deal from Regional Knockout Match in Crommwell, Connecticut, reported Michael Radin of Manhattan. North used a variety of the Michaels Cue-bid, showing spades and another suit, and landed in three no-trump.

He won the opening diamond lead with the ace and worked on clubs. The king and ten were permitted to win, and he finessed the spade ten, losing to the jack. (Fi-

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